



Morningstar Learning Center Newsletter

December 21, 2016



Theme: The 5 Senses

This next week all the classrooms will be participating in activities surrounding this theme.

Next week all three classes will be learning about their 5 senses. Activities include exploring different objects using their senses, experimenting with different textures, smells, and tastes, and participating in art and math activities using colors and patterns.

Important Dates

Dec. 30	January Billing
Jan. 12	MLC Board Meeting
Jan. 15	February Enrollment Due

A Morningstar family is giving away several items for **free!** If interested in any of the following items, please contact Stephanie Kissell:

1. Large crib with sheets
2. High Chair
3. Stroller

The school is in need of healthy non-perishable **snacks** such as:

- applesauce
- granola bars



Director's Desk

In an effort to make parent-teacher communication easier, all lead teachers have been assigned a staff e-mail. Please find their new e-mail addresses below and add to your address books:

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MLC Fundraising Update

As many of you know, Big Sky has a desperate need for infant childcare. In an effort to meet this need, Morningstar has been fundraising to build a new infant center. Our goal is \$40,000.

YCCF has donated \$10,000, the Buck and Helen Knight Foundation donated \$1,000 and various other community supporters have donated enough to bring our total to \$23,555. We are hoping to be the recipient of a \$15,000 grant from First Security Bank, bringing our predicted total a couple thousand dollars shy of our goal. As the end of the year approaches, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to this very important cause. A convenient option for donating is MLC's Go Fund Me page: <https://www.gofundme.com/mlc40K>

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Class Instagram Accounts

Many families like to know what activities their child has participated in during the day at MLC. Frequently there is not enough time during the end of the day pick-up for parents to touch base with their child's teacher. As a way to help families see what their child has been doing throughout their day, each classroom has created a class Instagram account in which to post pictures and videos of the students each day. **This account is private and only the account administrator can approve viewers.** In order to view the pictures and videos, a parent must also have an Instagram account (it is a free app that may be downloaded on smart devices). Currently, each account administrator will only approve the parents of each child as viewers. There is a possibility in the future that other family members (e.g. grandparents) may be approved; however, we will wait until we have all parents' written approval on a photo release form. **Children's names will never be used.** Below are the account names:

Infant Class: MLCInfant_Class

Toddler Class: MLC_Toddler_Class

Preschool Class: MLC_Preschool_Class

