



Morningstar Learning Center Newsletter

December 29, 2017

January Seasons

This week is all about the four seasons in the **Infant Room**. We will have fun learning the different colors of the different seasons as well as playing a season game and learning a season song.

The **Toddler class** will be learning about the four seasons. They will make their own book for each season. They will learn the letter *S* and sing the "Seasons Song."

In **preschool** next week we will be exploring the wonderful world of **Winter**. We will be making comparisons between all four seasons. We are also talking about manners in guidance and will practice them with a special tea party! Happy New Year to our Morningstar family!!

During the month of January, the **Spanish Class** will learn the colors. Click on the links below to access two songs Ms. Karla will be teaching the class to help them learn their colors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpLQSDu4V94>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtGznmrQRPw>

This month the **Dance Class** will continue to focus on **ballet**. Moving past first and second position we will learn about big leaps, and more intricate steps such as tendus and passés. Click below to access a link to a video demonstrating a jete (big leap).

<https://youtu.be/vD1ReeG-cBM>



Important Dates

Dec. 29	January Billing Processed
Jan. 1	MLC is Closed
Jan. 10	Community Library Story Time with Ms. Robbeye
Jan. 11	MLC Board Meeting @ 9am
Jan. 15	February Billing e-mailed to families
Jan. 31	February Billing Processed

RSV: What you need to know

We have had two confirmed cases of RSV in the past two weeks. RSV is a common winter season respiratory virus that mirrors the symptoms of a common cold. It can cause severe symptoms in infants and individuals with compromised immune systems. [Click here](#) for more information.

Please refresh yourselves on MLC's illness policies. Let's keep our facility as healthy as can be!

Infant Center Opening!

Our infant building is almost done and we are in need of volunteers to help put together furniture and help set up the new building. Please email or call MLC if you have any days that you could help.

Thank you!

Signing your child in and out

Parents please remember to sign your child in and out when they are here. This is very important for us to track their attendance. If you forgot the code or need our assistance please come and ask

Stephanie Kissell or

Lori Van Eps.

Mark your Calendar!

MLC is partnering with [Family Outreach](#) of Bozeman to provide free **Developmental Screenings** on Monday, March 5, 2018. More information will be available in the upcoming newsletters.



Director's Desk

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! Thank you for choosing MLC for your childcare and Early Childhood Education needs in 2017. This year has been busy, with many achievements to celebrate. We received **over \$33,000** in grants from local community foundations such as *Moonlight Community Foundation*, *Spanish Peaks Community Foundation*, and *Yellowstone Club Community Foundation* that have been used for Family Assistance Scholarships, Teacher Continuing Education, new cribs, and our \$10,000 Grant Match. The *Big Sky Resort Tax Board* approved another year of **tuition discounts** for families who work in Big Sky and also approved funding to build our new **Infant Facility**, which has been under construction and is scheduled to open in the new year. We have grown from **10 to 15** incredible staff members and December 2017's enrollment is a **52% increase** from December 2016. We are fortunate to have so many community supporters, a dedicated Board of Directors, and an excellent team of teachers devoted to your children. **What a year!!**

Stephanie's Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30am-10am , or by appointment

