



## Foresight Learning Center News

December 2024

### DEAR PARENTS,

December is already here and the excitement of the holiday season has begun! We are looking forward to the activities and events that make this time of the year so special. We will travel around the world and discover "Small World Celebrations". This will include Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, and Christmas. We will explore the similarities and the differences of these cultural celebrations. This will give us an opportunity to appreciate the diversity of our world, its people, and the universal spirit of giving.

We will also travel around the solar system, to the moon, to the sun, and visit a few stars. Astronomy is always a great adventure to children. It involves many interesting activities and explorations for hands-on learning!

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

#### **Annual Holiday Open House Event:**

Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us for our holiday open house! Enjoy great food, gift projects, holiday music, and a visit from a special guest (Ho-Ho-Ho)! We ask each family to bring a toy for a girl or boy to donate to Santa (See newsletter for details). We know the Holiday season is very busy, so this is a true "open house" style party. Please feel free to come and go anytime between 5:00 and 7:00. We will post a sign-up sheet for you to RSVP with the number of people attending and the food dish you would like to share. Please bring any serving items you will need to serve your

dish. **Label your item if it contains (or could) any nuts or nut products.**

**Also, please take your dish/serving utensils home with you.**

We hope everyone can attend this special occasion!!! It is such a great time to meet other families and kick off the holiday season! We look forward to a very special evening!!

### **Holiday Break:**

FLC will be closed Monday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday, January 1, 2025. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

We hope you and your family have a very joyful "healthy" holiday filled with family and friends!

### OTHER NEWS

#### **\* Foresight Toy/Book Donation:**

We will be asking everyone to please bring an unwrapped toy/book (\$5.00 to \$15.00) for a girl or boy November 28 through December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will deliver to the Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Drive and they will deliver them to SANTA!!! (Or you can bring to open house and give to Santa)

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### **Winter Bugs-YUK!**

We are doing our best to keep everyone extra-healthy this season! We are spending extra hours cleaning/ sanitizing **EVERYTHING**; we are taking children's temperatures, and have been monitoring sickness very carefully. We appreciate your attention towards this matter and welcome any suggestions to make this a BUG-FREE environment. We follow the state requirements and CDC guidelines regarding ANY illness, but it is very

important for us to get any medical information regarding doctor visits/illness. Our goal is always in the best interest of your child and the health of our school.

### **Setting Expectations:**

We hear over and over from parents, "They clean up here!? They don't at home." Understandably, the structure of home is very different than the structure at school. However, raising expectations of what young children can do greatly impacts their independence and self-confidence. At school, students are *expected* to take responsibility for classroom maintenance (and many other tasks) as well as, using walking feet inside to be SAFE, using an inside voice, and being kind to all people, living things, our school materials, and ourselves. They are very successful with maintaining these rules and routines during the school day. The exception is when mom and dad walk in the school for pick-up, and that is why we are asking all parents to help us "follow the rules" when your child sees you enter the school. We know they are excited to see mom and dad, but for all the other children still at school this can be upsetting /confusing and disruptive to the classroom. Please support our rules for safety, kindness, and respect. Let's face it we need to honor such values more than ever, and those are 3 things that no one is too young to develop. Please help support teachers and staff by establishing reasonable yet challenging expectations in your child's daily routine. Always know your child's happiness, development, and well-being is our priority!!

### **Winter Clothing & Cubby-Crazy:**

Please make sure your child brings the appropriate clothing (**labeled with name**) to stay warm while outdoors. Fresh air actually is proven to keep us healthy and does not contribute to illness. Also, please be sure you have all personal items daily - we do our best to gather all belongings, but we need help noticing if anything is missing.

### **Lunch & Snack Note:**

Please be sure your child has enough food, because we have very limited snacks on hand and would prefer not to call you way from your busy day to bring your child more food. Also, be sure the food items you send for your child can be eaten by your child independently.

### **Snow days:**

We will be closed due to weather/snow conditions if FUSD is closed. If they are on a delayed schedule, we will be open at our normal time (7:30 am). Listen to local radio and TV or check the FUSD website for school closures due to snow.

***We will post snow closures on, Facebook, Instagram, our website calendar and KNAU.***

### **Tuition rates:**

Also, as everyone knows the minimum wage will increase again January 1, 2025; from \$17.40 to \$17.85. We will not increase tuition until February 2025, but we will post the new tuition by mid-January. We were able to absorb the increase from last year, but now the increase is essential to provide a quality program, maintain low- class ratios, and retain our very dedicated, loving, and knowledgeable staff.

Again, please talk with Beth if you have any questions. Thank you for your constant support, appreciation, and choosing Foresight for your child's educational journey. Have a beautiful Thanksgiving with family & friends!!

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**Thank you very much!!**

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**\*\*All the generous donations to the  
canned food drive!!**

**Peace and Love-**

*Beth, Kori, Bere, Jena, Sam, Lilly, Isabelle,  
Kelsey, Annie, & Mikah*



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