

## January 2024 Dear Parents

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful holiday! We would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful gifts given to the FLC staff! We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Our theme for January is "Winter Wonderland". We'll study winter weather conditions, properties of snowflakes, experiment with ice and snow, and chart the weather daily. We will explore winter lifestyles of people living in cold regions: clothes, foods, travel methods, celebrations, and outdoor activities. This will also give us the opportunity to focus on indoor activities: Reading, makebelieve, creative drama, and writing. We look forward to our famous author study in our Language Arts classroom. It will be a month of "imagination celebration"!

# Special Events

<u>Martin Luther King Day:</u> Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Foresight will be closed.

### Other News

Our Snack Policy: Please provide 2 snacks (each including 2 food groups) in your child's lunch box If they are here all day. If attending half day please provide 1 snack. Label snacks with name, and continue to follow our healthy food guidelines. Please don't hesitate talking with us if you have any questions-THANKS!

## Outside Recess:

We will continue to go outside for recess, so please send your child to school with weather appropriate clothes (warm coat, a hat, and mittens, snow boots if needed). It is very helpful to **label each individual item** with your child's name. All items left at cubby area will be put in our lost and found box at the end of each day. Please look there if you are missing any clothing items.

### **Emergency Contacts:**

We will be updating our student files in January, and would like all blue cards to be current by then. We are required by law to be able to reach you at any time while your child is in our care. We would like to avoid any problems reaching parents due to old phone numbers or blue card emergency contacts that are no longer available. We are asking everyone to be sure we are able to get in touch with you at ALL times Example: You have a special appointment, are going shopping, taking a class, etc...it is very important that we have this information so we can properly take care of your child. Thank you!

Parking Lot Safety: When coming into or walking out of the school, please be sure your child stays near you the entire time. It can by a busy place (especially at drop off and pick up) and it is extremely hard for other drivers to see small children. Also, please turn off your vehicle once you have parked. We don't want our students breathing in any of the fumes if they happen to walk by, and with a running car...who knows what could happen.

#### Returning Staff & New staff:

First, a thank you to Ms. Jini Maxwell for coming back to assist us in our time of need!!! Along with Morghan, Ellie, Sam, Jess, and Jessica for putting in those extra hours to help maintain Kori and my sanity. We are so very fortunate to have such dedicated educators, who truly care about the Foresight students. Now moving forward, we are happy to welcome Amanda Kruse as the new Math and Science teacher. She has an elementary degree along with several years of experience working with PK-4<sup>th</sup> grades. We are very optimistic that she will provide the quality of care and teaching that match our high expectations for learning. We also welcome, Berenice Martig to our afternoon program, and look forward to creating an introductory Spanish program for our late day program. We are still interviewing for the final open position, and will share that news as soon as possible.

**Personal Items and Staying Healthy:** Just a reminder, please wash your child's coat, lunch box, etc. weekly. It is even more important than ever with all of the illnesses going around! Thanks!

#### Snow days:

If it ever gets cold enough to snow.....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, <u>www.fusd1.org</u>, for school closures due to snow. We will post closures as soon as we know on Facebook and Instagram as well.

#### **Tuition Payment Policy:**

Tuition is due by the  $5^{th}$  of each month, unless other arrangements are made with Beth or Kori. Payment after the  $10^{th}$  will result in a \$25.00 late fee. If no payment is received by the  $15^{th}$  your child will not be able to attend school until your tuition is received.

### Life Happens....

I wanted to thank everyone for your kindness and support during the last couple months. The loss of a loved one, preparing my father-in-law for his new stage of life, and the unexpected staff departures that seemed to plague the holidays are all times in life that nothing means more than to be around loving and caring human beings like you-Warmest Regards, BETH

### Thank You so much!!!!!!!

\*All the families who brought gifts for our staff. It's nice to feel appreciated and you certainly brightened our days<sup>©</sup>.
\*All the toys donated to our local law enforcement drive!!!
\*Everyone that was here for our

\*Everyone that was here for our holiday open house. It was a festive evening!

# Wishing everyone Peace, Love, and Happiness in the New Year and Always!

Beth, Korí, Jena, Angíe, Ellíe, Amanda, Morghan, Sam, Bereníce, and Jordan



Thought for the Month..... Laughter is the joyous universal evergreen of life.

Abraham Lincoln