

# Little Joes in January

# 2024

## Welcome back!

Whew, what a flurry of activity. I hope your Christmas was fun and exciting! We are ready to get the new year off to a great start.

Our first week will be a relaxing one as we gently get back into our routine. We will be sharing our favorite Christmas moments and our best gifts.

We will begin with some review games, and then jump back into our letters, numbers, and alphabet books. We will begin math centers which will include, left to right progression, numbers 1-10 and 1-20, beginning on the left, order, number recognition. Of course, we will continue with cutting practice, printing practice, patterns, simple science, process art, etc.



We haven't had many weather related problems but please listen for **Dekalb Eastern Community Schools** for cancellations AND delays!

- \*\*Both classes will begin at 10:00am if there is a delay, with doors opening at 9:45.
- Please make sure you are receiving REMIND notifications for up-to-date information.



### Special Events

January 18/19—PJ Day

February 8/9—Favorite Sports Team Day



February 15/16—Valentine Parties

We hope you enjoyed your holidays, and all the joy and excitement they bring, with your children. We also hope you enjoyed the gifts the children made for you, we loved helping them. We pray that 2024 will be filled with love and laughter.



Kids love snow! We will get outside and get some much needed fresh air as much as possible. With our indoor play area we have the opportunity for many gross motor skill activities so we are grateful. But outside is still the best... please keep hats and gloves in their bags. Thanks!

We truly believe that literacy is the cornerstone to all learning and that parents, not teachers, are a child's best hope for a well-rounded education. To give your child the best chance at a positive educational experience it is imperative that you, as a parent, get involved. Make it your goal to see that your child gets the best chance at life.

This age is when they begin to develop their love for learning, or their apathy. Show them, teach them, and enjoy the journey with them.



Literacy development in early childhood is enhanced through experience in the "world of print". There are abundant tools available to develop literacy. We hope that we can work together with you to provide the vital adult interaction needed with your children in shaping literate and excited learners. Simply reading to your child, doing finger plays, singing songs, writing, painting, drawing and being exposed to a "print rich" environment are crucial building blocks to developing early literacy skills. Environmental print is readily available in every child's daily life. This includes signs, labels, coupons, newspapers, menus, greeting cards, junk mail etc. Some things you can do to enhance this connection include: coupon matching and clipping, cereal box puzzles, letter or site word searches in magazines or a newspaper (kids love highlighters). These help to connect "the alphabet" that we learn here to the world of print out there, and provide great quality time spent together.

