

Thank You! Our Annual Food Drive was a Success! Cornerstone families and staff stuffed our “turkey” full of food. Did you know every 102 pounds of food donated provides 1 meal? We collected 95lbs of food... enough to create 79 meals!! Thank you to Elouise and Arlo’s dad, who delivered our donations to the Connecticut Food Bank! Look for a picture on Facebook! Thank you again for your generosity!

The Gift of Giving... A Cornerstone Holiday Tradition

For the past **18 years**, Cornerstone families, staff and friends have made Christmas wishes come true for area children. P.C.R.C. (Parent Child Resource Center) has provided us with a family of three children and their Christmas wishes. We posted this list in our foyer (by the sign in computer). Staff, families and friends of Cornerstone can make a wish come true for the children and mom simply by writing their name underneath a wished for gift.

Please...

1. Take a tag
2. Write your family name underneath a gift you can provide.
3. Wrap the gift and label it To: (name) Love, Santa. If you are unable to give the gift directly to Lisa, Lisbeth or Marge, please write in the communication log by the office door that you brought it in so we can mark it complete.
4. Please give all gift cards directly to Lisa, Lisbeth or Marge to insert into our lock box. We will “wrap” the cards in bags and tissue on the day they are to be delivered.



On December 20th, we will load all the packages into Lisbeth’s “sleigh” and spread joy to people who could really use it!

Thank you for helping to make this Christmas a joyful occasion for this family!



FYI: When my oldest daughter asked me if Santa was “real” I replied “Is there really a jolly, old man who lives at the North Pole and gives out presents to children? I don’t know, I’ve never been there. *But I do know*, there is one time of the year that people care about other people, people they don’t even know, and if that is believing in Santa...then I believe!” Embracing the spirit of the holiday, she exclaimed...“I believe too Mommy!” With a glimmer in my eye I added...“Besides...you have to believe...to receive.” That sealed the deal! – Lisbeth



The Center will be CLOSED on
Monday and Tuesday, December 24th & 25th Merry Christmas!
Tuesday, January 2nd Happy New Year!

KIDS SAY THE CUTEST THINGS...

While eating apples at snack, Paul asked for all the seeds so "my mom could plant them and then apple tree will grow in 45 days!"

While conversing with the ever-joking Ms. Lis, Alex shook his 4 going on 40 year old head, rolled his eyes and said in a sigh "Oh...Ms. Lis!!!!" Tough audience!

Did you know....

Children are **REQUIRED** by the Connecticut Department of Public Health Office of Early Childhood to have a **FLU VACCINE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR!**

Children who do not have this vaccine by the end of the year are not able to attend the center as of 1/1/2019.



Activity is a necessity for every child. Young children have limitless reserves of energy, ideas and emotions waiting to burst forth. The outdoor classroom allows for children to expend this energy and utilize all of their senses to engage in all types of learning. Because children typically learn through bodily movement we go outside **EVERDAY!** **Children well enough to attend Cornerstone are well enough to go outside and play** (medical conditions, such as asthma, are the only exceptions).



The following **COLD** weather clothing should be available to your child

- labeled with initials:

- a warm winter jacket
- extra seasonally appropriate clothing
- snow pants
- boots
- 2 pairs** of mittens/gloves
- a hat
- many** pairs of socks



December Highlights include:

- 12/5 - **Creative Music and More** with Ms. Debbie (**All**)
- 12/3 - **Celebrate Hanukkah!** Construct a Menorah (**PSK**)
- 12/18 - **Gymnastics!** with Ms. Fran (**PSK**)
- 12/21 - **Pajama Day!** Wear P.J.'s to Cornerstone! (**All**)
Bring a change of clothes and shoes!
- 12/24 & 25 - **CLOSED - Merry Christmas!**
- 12/26 - **Joyous Kwanzaa!** Read "It's Kwanzaa" (**PSK**)
- 12/21 - **Happy Feet Soccer!** (**PSK**)
- 1/1/18 - **CLOSED-Happy New Year 2018!**



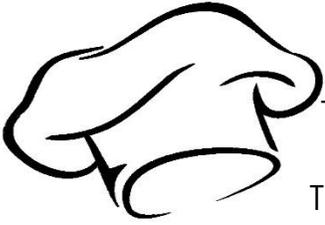
Happy December Birthday to...

Juliana - 4!

Please indicate on the sign-up list in the foyer if you are planning vacation time or if your child will not attend any days over the next couple of weeks. Thank you!

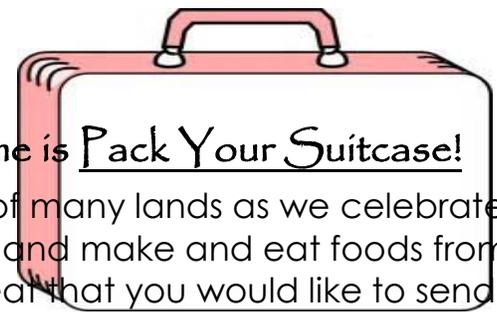
WELCOME

To our Nurturing Nursery...Ava!



Toddler's December theme is Little Cooks!

This month the children will explore a variety of textures and tastes as they mix, mold, pound, shape, knead, stir, measure and pour! They explore the cardinality of numbers 1-4 and celebrate a plethora of holidays... some real, some not! Pajama Day is Thursday, December 21st. Can your day start any easier? Bring your child in wearing P.J.'s! Remember to bring clothes and shoes for outdoor play).



Preschool and Pre-K's December theme is Pack Your Suitcase!

Throughout December, we will explore the culture of many lands as we celebrate a variety of holidays, observe traditions and customs, and make and eat foods from other countries. If you have a nut free traditional treat that you would like to send in please plan to do so! Please coordinate sending in your treat with Lisa, Sheniece, Lisbeth or Marge. The concept of left and right will be discovered and reinforced through everyday experiences and games. Letters L & I and their sounds and numbers 7&8 will be introduced and applied to our world. Remember to bring your child in pajamas on Pajama Day and a change of clothes and shoes for outdoor play!



Save the Dates!

We understand that December is a busy time of year; consequently, our sings take place in January!
Preschool Winter Sing (Mrs. Sheniece) Friday 1/11/18

Pre-K Winter Sing (Ms. Lisa) Friday 1/25/18

Both begin at 6:00 p.m.

Families are invited to watch the children perform songs and then snack on yummy treats! We look forward to this fun filled evening! Please sign up at the foyer computer indicating the number of people are in your party and what you can bring!

2018 End of Year tax statements can be obtained from the office!