



IVY KIDS NEWS

January
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Mark Your Calendar

- 1st- New Years Day - Closed
- 8th- Bach ECI 9:00a.m.
(Under 3 years old)
- 9th- Hearing and Vision
Screening (4 & up)
- 19th- Martin Luther King
Jr. Day

Happy Birthday!

- 2nd- Constance Benford
- 3rd- Estella Galindo
- 4th- Zoe Davis
- 9th- Mohammad Gadalla
- 9th- Kevin Song
- 12th- Briana Wilkins
- 14th- Melissa Martin
- 16th- Brooke Butler
- 19th- Steven Harbers
- 20th- Sadine Shawa
- 24th- Mariella Martin
- 26th- Arnecia Charles
- 26th- Brock Collins
- 26th- Isabelle Hildebrandt
- 28th- Jason Hamberlin
- 29th- Ms. Krystal Lenard



Congratulations!

We invite everyone to join us in celebrating our Ivy Kids Early Learning Center Scholarship Winners!!

~Mrs. Levarn Shorts & Ms. Denise Armelin~

These two ladies will receive a full paid scholarship through Ivy Kids to obtain their **CDA (Child Development Associate Credential)**

This credential is given through the Child Care Council in Washington D.C. They will attend Brazosport College to receive their credential.

We wish you **GOOD LUCK** on your journey to **GREATNESS!!!!**

-Ms. Angela



Bach ECI

Bach ECI (Early Childhood Intervention) will be here **Thursday, January 8th @ 9a.m.** to provide developmental screenings. If you would like to have your child screened, we will have consent forms available that week. Bach ECI provides services for children under 3 years, free of charge.

Director's Corner

Happy New Year!!

Welcome back everyone! I look forward to such a great 2009 school year! We have many exciting things planned for the remainder of the fall and the up and coming spring!

I welcome you to see Ms. Diana, our Education Coordinator, on any parenting tips (handouts are available upon request). See her featured spot in our newsletter below!

-Ms. Angela Casillas



Librarian's Corner

Well Parents, we made it!

I hope your 2008 was a good one...with an even better 2009 ahead!
Our "Super Readers Club" has went very well, so we are now going to start a
"Scholastic Book Club"! This way we can get low prices for the new books
available. Flyers will be sent out in your child's folder this month.
Keep up the good work, our children are the one benefiting from it! Enjoying to
read is a major step to Higher Learning!!



-Mrs. Cathy Merritt



Education Coordinator's Corner

Do you know how much sleep your child needs each night?

Although your child needs less sleep now than when they were an infant, how much less is still *enough*? Every child is different, some children need more or less sleep than others. Here are some general guidelines for how many hours of sleep a child needs on average.

Age	Nighttime Sleep	Daytime Sleep	Average Total Sleep
2 Years	10.5 to 12.5 hours	1 to 3 hours (1 nap)	11.5 to 15.5 hours
3 Years	10.5 to 12.5 hours	1 to 3 hours (1 nap)	11 to 14 hours
4 Years	10 to 12 hours	0 to 2.5 hours	10 to 13 hours
5 Years	10 to 12 hours	0 to 2.5 hours	10 to 12.5 hours
6 Years	10 to 11.5 hours	None	10 to 11.5 hours
7 Years	9.5 to 11.5 hours	None	9.5 to 11.5 hours
8 Years	9.5 to 11.5 hours	None	9.5 to 11.5 hours

Often, says Parent Center sleep expert Jodi Mindell, author of *Sleeping through the Night*, if a child has poor sleep habits or refuses to nap or go to bed before 10 at night, his parents will assume that he just doesn't need much sleep. That's probably not the case, in fact, it's likely that such a child is actually sleep-deprived, hence his hyper, overtired behavior at bedtime.

Ask yourself these questions:

- *Does my child frequently fall asleep while riding in the car?
- *Do I have to wake him almost every morning?
- *Does he seem cranky, irritable, or overtired during the day?

If you answered yes to any of these, your child may be getting less sleep than his body craves. You will need to help him develop good sleep habits, and set an appropriate bedtime and then be consistent with it. A preschooler or young grade-schooler who has outgrown napping needs a solid 11 to 12 hours of sleep each night, and that will gradually decrease as he gets older.

<http://parentcenter.babycenter.com>

Infant Room A

We are looking forward to a very happy and successful year with our beautiful babies! The theme for the month of January is "I Eat". We will provide our infants with different sensory experiences; our focus will be on Taste and Smell.

We welcome our new baby, **Myla Debban**, and her parents to our classroom, along with our new teacher, Krystal Lenard. A great big thank you to **Haylee Watral's parents** for donating a bed mobile to our classroom, **Madeline Sommer's parents** for our lovely breakfast, as well as all of our other parents for the wonderful treats & gifts!!

Have a Happy & Prosperous New Year!
Mrs. Ylonda, Mrs. Mary, Ms. Pasley, and Ms. Krystal



Infant Room B

Happy New Year!

We look forward to the month of January! We will be learning about trucks and big machines. Be on the look out for a packet that we will be sending home for the month. Please use this information to work with your child at home. The basic A,B,C's and sign language will still be reviewed on a daily basis. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

We would also like to welcome **Ray-Jay** to our classroom!

Mrs. Kery and Ms. Cynthia



Toddlers

Our theme for the month of January is "Big Machines". Throughout this unit we will be discussing what big machines are used for and how they operate. In addition, we will focus on the letter "E", number "5", and the shape of a "rectangle".

We want to welcome **Eliana & Ethan Hooks** to our classroom. They will be surrounded with lots of love and care! Our class would also like to wish **Brooke Butler a Happy 2nd Birthday!!**

Ms. Denise, Ms. Cristal, and **Welcome Ms.Neshia & Ms.Estella!!**

2 Year Olds

Our theme for the month of January is "Trucks and Big Machines". Throughout the month we will learning about many kinds of trucks and big machines. The children will also explore the functions and features of these machines. We will also focus on the letters Mm and Nn, the shape of a circle and a triangle, the colors pink and red, and the numbers 3 & 4.

We would like to welcome our new student, **Noah Shea**, and our new teacher, **Ms.T!**
Thank you to all the parents for your support through the holiday season!

2 Year Old Teachers





3 Year Olds

Happy New Year!

Our theme for the month is "**Trucks and Big Machines**". We will discuss the different types of trucks and machines and what they are used for. The children will build and expand their knowledge and vocabulary; they use words such as: crush, mix, and smooth. We will also focus on letters: O, P, Q, and R, and numbers: 8 and 9. We will continue to review all of our shapes, colors, and sign language.

We would like to welcome our new teachers, **Ms. Brandy and Ms. B**, to our classroom!

Ms. Monica, Ms. Brandy, Ms. Sonja and Ms. B



Pre-K

We hope you all had a safe and blessed Happy New Year! We are looking forward to the new year, and we have many exciting activities and lessons planned!

Our theme for the month is "**Eat Healthy, Grow Strong**". We will discuss and explore the various types of nutritious foods and their importance to our bodies. In addition, we will also focus on the letters H, I, and J, the numbers 13, 14, 15, and 16, and the shape of a cylinder.

Mrs. Carla's class would like to welcome **Laila Dieye** to their class! We would also like to welcome our new teachers, **Ms. DiDi and Ms. Michelle**, to the Pre-K team!

And from all of us, thank you to all of our parents for their support and gifts during the holidays!!

Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Carla, Ms. Tyra, Ms. DiDi, and Ms. Michelle



School Age

We would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year!! We hope that everyone had a safe and blessed holiday season. We are planning to bring this new year in with a bang. This month we will have an array of activities and parties to celebrate for our upcoming holidays for January. We ask if you would please check the info board located right next to the front entrance throughout the month.

Thank you!

Mr. Bryon, Ms. Leslie, and Ms. Ana



Parents: Please let the front desk know if you would like to post in our monthly newsletter!