



Happy New Year to All!

I hope that the transition to 2017 is going well for each of you and your family. We are excited about approaching a new year. There are many tasks - some are continuations of work that is carried over from 2016 and some are new developments. We continue to work on the indoor and outdoor space with goals for completion into spring and summer. We have a teacher committee doing planning and designing for great activities and materials. They will be sharing this within each classroom and the children will have new resources for movement, music, yoga, language arts and other areas of development related to learning spaces. Staff are busy working on training and developments in early childhood education and care. We have upcoming trainings some including: language and literacy, wellness, safety, cultural competencies and independent areas of interest for each age level. Welcome to our new staff who have joined us and best wishes to staff who have transitioned to changes outside of DICC. You can read all about those in the individual classroom updates. And for our ongoing staff, thank you for your never ending time, effort and consistency. We are well positioned for the upcoming year and very pleased with our teams and shared leadership. We have such talented, caring and knowledgeable people caring for and educating the children.

This Month's Theme Is...

Winter Wonderland



We are beginning our work on the DICC Annual Report, which summarizes all happenings that took place in our community during 2016. Please share any insights you have from your experiences here at the center. We love including testimonials, reflections and new ideas from families. Words and reactions from our very important clients - the children - are always a welcoming joy! You can provide them to your teaching teams and/or administration. Thanks in advance for considering this.

A new year stimulates thoughts of the past, present and future. I trust that we will learn and grow from each other as individuals and collective participants in our community. Thank you for being at DICC and bringing in 2017 together. Be well!

Respectfully,
Denise

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dates to Remember

Mon, Feb 13 DICC Board Meeting
Mon, Feb 20 **CLOSED**
Presidents Day
Tues, Feb 21— After-school Programs
Fri, Feb 24 OPEN ALL DAY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Physicals & Immunizations -

All children must have a physical/medical record on file conducted within the 12 months before enrollment and then updated each year. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide updated immunization records as immunizations are administered. Please be sure to provide these updates as soon as they become available either yourself or by requesting they be faxed by your provider.

Staffing Updates— Ms. Shana will be leaving DICC this February to focus on her education degree full time. She would like to thank the parents for entrusting her with your most precious gift and thank her co-workers for their guidance, collaboration and kindness.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Blue Room

Our little ones are working hard on their physical development. They are reaching, crawling and pulling up!! Missing Ms. Shana already.

Butterfly Room

We have been busy reading stories and working on projects about winter.

Firefly Room

We are working on sharing and caring. Puzzles are instrumental in practicing these skills, however we have mastered our supply. Puzzle donations would be appreciated.

Purple Room (After-school Pre-K/Kindergarten)

The purple room is now offering full time care for Pre-K children. Welcome, Ms. Kate, our new head teacher and Mr. Julian!

Dragonfly Room

Giving warm welcomes to our new teacher, Mr. Mike, as well as new friends. Learning about different animals that live in the snow.

Rainbow Room

We are excited about the new year!! Spending our days working on colors and counting.

Grasshopper Room

The children are working very hard on learning their ABC's. We are learning how to write them and how they are used to make words.

Yellow Room (School-Age After-School)

We have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr, researching quotes and making posters to share his message.

