

Small Wonders January 2025



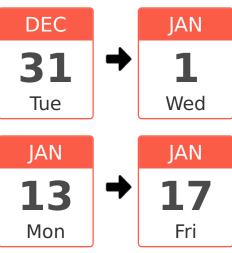
Birthdays, Hellos, and goodbyes!





Happy birthday to our favorite, Ms. Mahara! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Important Dates



Closed for New Years

Spirit Week!

Jan. 13th- Sports Jan. 14th- Tie dye Jan. 15th- Mix-match Jan. 16th- Fairytale Jan. 17th- Pajama Day!

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Ages to Stages: Stephanie



Cause and effect relationships

At around 4 months old, babies start refining their concept of cause and effect. Perhaps while kicking their mattress, they'll notice the crib shaking. Or maybe they'll realize that their rattle makes a noise when they hit or wave it. Once they understand that they can cause these interesting reactions, they'll continue to experiment.

Your baby will quickly discover that some things, such as bells and keys, make interesting sounds when moved or shaken. When they bang certain things on the table or drop them on the floor, they'll start a chain of responses from their audience: funny faces, groans and other reactions that may lead to the reappearance—or disappearance—of the object.

Before long, your baby will begin dropping things on purpose to

see you pick them up. As annoying as this may be at times, it's one important way for them to learn about cause and effect and their personal ability to influence their environment.

It's important that you give your child the objects they need for these experiments. Encourage them to test their "theories." But make sure that everything you give them to play with is unbreakable, lightweight and large enough that they can't possibly swallow it.

If your baby loses interest in their usual playthings, plastic or wooden spoons, unbreakable cups and jar or bowl lids and boxes are endlessly entertaining and inexpensive.

Fun Facts: Mahara



Fine motor skills are necessary and form the building blocks that your child will need to accomplish daily tasks such as feeding themselves, buttoning their clothes, tying their shoes, opening containers, cutting with scissors and eventually, writing. Fine motor skills involve the use of the small muscles in the fingers, thumb, hand, and wrist. To acquire coordinated dexterity, children must exercise and strengthen those muscles; much like an athlete exercises and strengthens muscles to be proficient in a sport.



Favorite Memory: Stephanie



My favorite memory was when we went out in the snow. It's so magical to see their eyes light up in excitement!



Activities at Home Coloring Snow

Using food coloring, water, eye droppers and snow, you have a fun sensory experience! You can even put the colors in a spray bottle!

You can do this project inside or outside, just depending on if you want to bring the snow inside or take the colors out!

Use this link to share your activity with us teachers and the others in the classroom:

http://photos.app.goo.gl/xLpf61WPEANo msgp9



REMINDERS

-Please make sure all bottles and food containers are labeled with

first and last name, dated and food is cut up and ready to serve, remember anything that is circular must be cut into quarters.

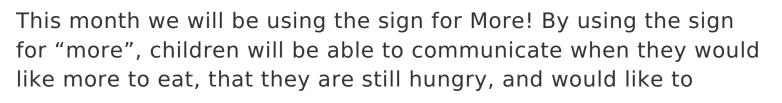
-Shoes should be sent in everyday for mobile children(crawlers and walkers), and if they are worn in the gym or outside they cannot be worn in the classroom so a second pair of shoes/boots will be necessary.

-The weather is constantly changing right now, so please make sure to send in the appropriate outside wear jackets, any extra clothing, etc. **Six months and older will be going outside, so please make sure have snow gear!**

-Please make sure to check your child's cubby for any items at the end of each week! Cubbies should be emptied so we can make sure to clean them on Friday

-If you are interested in our elective program check out the website!

Sign of the month: "More"



continue an activity! This continues their growth and progress in communication.



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UPCOMING THEMES:

1/6- The Zoo 1/13- Spirit Week 1/20 - I have A Dream 1/27 - Space



*	January Menu		
	Breakfast	After School	Pm Snack
Monday	Cereal & Oranges	Veggies, pita bread, & hummus	Goldfish & Raisins
Tuesday	Oatmeal & Apples	Cereal Bars & Bananas	Chicken Nuggets
Wednesday	Yogurt, Berries, å Granola	Cheese Pizza English Muffins	Snack Activity: Pretzel Snowflake (Marshmallows Pretzel Sticks)
Thursday	Pancakes & Bananas	Pretzels & Apples	Ritz Crackers and String Cheese
Friday	Hash browns & Oranges	Chicken Noodle Soup & Saltines	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches
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			choice with all meals.

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