

Indianola Preschool newsletter

CLASSES

This month all the classes jumped into the same study of polar animals. The students have learned so much through hands on activities and games.

PLAY = LEARNING

Our focus on play this month is Gross Motor play. This can be tricky during the winter months, but gross motor play is a critical part of the development of the whole child. Not only are children becoming spatially and physically aware of all the parts of their bodies, but they are also using executive functioning skills to plan their actions and reach their goals. Crossing the midline is a big skill we practice in preschool because it gets our brains ready to read and write. This month I'm including links to some of our favorite "brain breaks" as well as some pictures of our kids in action.

[Cross the Midline](#), [Yoga](#), [Scarves](#), [Shakers](#), [Rhythm Sticks](#), [Boomwhackers](#)



IPS NEWS

There is so much happening in the next month so check out the dates below and be sure to read all the upcoming messages. We don't want you to miss out!

This year we are also sending out a mid-year parent survey so we can get your feedback before the end of the school year and make any positive changes we can while your student is still here. Click the link to complete the quick survey and share your thoughts. [SURVEY](#)

Open House and Registration are next week; email now if you have questions!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES

January 27-February 14: Scratch Cupcake Fundraiser

January 28: Open House 6-7pm

January 29: Registration 9:00am

February 3, 4: Library Visit

February 15: IPS Movie Morning- Paddington 3

February 18, 19: KidSight Vision Screenings

February 19, 20: Nature Center Visit

February 21: NO CLASS, Child Care Available

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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICIES

As the weather begins to change this is a good time to remind everyone of our inclement weather policies. We will follow the Indianola School District for all closings and delays.

- If Indianola Schools are CLOSED- we are CLOSED (no class, no childcare)
- If Indianola Schools are DELAYED- we will not have morning classes, childcare is open only for those already signed up. If you don't plan to attend childcare, please message on Brightwheel ASAP.
 - It is a rare occurrence, but if there is an initial delay and then a later closing, you will be asked to come back to pick up your child from child care as soon as possible.
- If Indianola Schools DISMISS EARLY- we will not have afternoon classes. Childcare will remain open as long as it is safe to travel home. Child Care families, please send a message with your estimated arrival time.

All updates will be posted to our Facebook page and a Brightwheel message will be sent out immediately, as well. Child Care families are refunded the daily rate for any snow days (usually applied to the next month's invoice).

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