

BEGINNINGS AND BEYOND
JANUARY 2019

HAPPENING IN JANUARY...

CENTER CLOSURES

Tuesday, January 1
Monday, January 21

FREE EYE SCREENINGS!

Free Eye Screenings will be held on Friday, January 25th. Eye Screenings will only be offered to children 3 years of age and up.

Families, if you wish for your child to participate in this free event, please be on the lookout for the permission slip, and turn it back into the office when completed.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 14th – Jonas
January 14th – Emanuel
January 21st – Layla
January 25th - Emari

YEARS OF SERVICE!

Miss Michelle, Older Infants Teacher,
4 years of service on January 5th
Miss Rita, Three-Year-Old Teacher.
4 years of service on January 5th.
Miss Krystal M., Pre-k Teacher, 2
years of service on January 9th.
Miss Nana, Two-Year-Old Teacher,
2 years of service on January 11th.

STAFF CHANGES

Please welcome Miss Tina, Miss Ashley, and Miss Sarah to our center. Miss Tina has accepted the position as Co-Teacher in our Pre-k Room alongside Miss Krystal! Miss Ashley and Miss Sara have both accepted floating teacher positions. Miss Ashley will be working with all of our classrooms, while Miss Sara will mainly be with our older one's room.

We are sad to announce that Miss Angel, our older infant float, has decided to take an employment opportunity elsewhere and departed from the center at the end of December.

Please join us in welcoming all of our new staff to Beginnings and Beyond!



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CURRICULUM CORNER

Literacy development is a vital part of your child's overall development, including babies. Back-and-forth communication with your baby helps to develop your child's ability to speak, listen and understand as he/she gets older. For example, you might notice your child responds to your smiles and baby talk. Your child might try to imitate your sounds and facial expressions. When you repeat your child's early words, it encourages two-way conversation and helps your child learn words and build language skills. As a parent or guardian, there are a variety of things you can do to encourage and influence your child's literacy development.

- Copy the sounds your baby makes.
- Let your voice rise, fall, repeat and emphasize words. This helps babies and toddlers understand how language is put together.
- Sing to and with your child.
- Talk with your child about the everyday things you're doing and seeing together. For example, 'Let's wash your hands now', 'Look at the red bird' or 'How was your day today, what did you do?'
- Talk about feelings and whether your child is happy or sad. You can help by giving them words to describe their emotions. This can help them understand how others feel too.
- Emphasize the different parts of words or different letters to help your child understand that words can be broken down into segments. For example, you could say 'ball' and emphasize the 'b' sound or 'ba-na-na' and emphasize each syllable.
- Listen to your child. Follow their lead and talk about things they want to talk about. If your child asks a question, give them the chance to come up with answers before you step in. For example, if your child says, 'What's that box there?', you could say, 'What do you think it is

