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PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and spent some quality time with family and friends. Thank you for all of the wonderful 'Wish Tree' gifts- we really appreciate them! All of the classes are having a blast with the new items!

What a wonderful turn out we had for the winter celebration! Thanks to all the families who came and spent the evening with us. What an amazing job the children did on their performances and the yummy treats they made for the event were scrumptious!

We want to take a moment and acknowledge the *fabulous* staff we have at Unity School! Your kids are taught by our tremendous team members who are caring, creative, encouraging, supportive, and committed to your children and Unity School. The staff have done a remarkable job learning and implementing more High/Scope aspects, utilizing our garden space, volunteering for Pet Care on the weekends, and doing both field trips and community service projects with their classes! We are really proud that we have such an awesome team to guide your children and make their learning experiences the best they can be! Take a moment and thank a staff member, letting them know how they've done a super job for you lately!

We have a couple reminders we would like to bring to your attention. Remember, the pull-through driveway is a 5 min. drop off/pick up spot. If it takes a little longer than 5 min. for you and your child, please pull into a parking spot so we can keep traffic flowing. The other reminder is to provide lots of extra clothes for your child. During the fall and winter months, the weather is very unpredictable. It's helpful to have a good supply of warm items such as hats and gloves in your child's cubby.

We also wanted to share our procedure, in the event that we get snow and ice and the roads are unsafe to drive on. In this event, there will be a phone message with information regarding delays/closures by 6:30am. Please feel free to call in [after 6:30am](#) if you are unsure about any possible delay/closure. Thanks!

Here's to a wonderful year ahead,
Susanne & Jessica



OFFICE MANAGER

Hi Unity Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful, safe Holiday Season, and I want to thank every one that showed up to the winter festival. I think this was the best year yet, proud, happy children and a lot of family and friends to watch them.

Just as a reminder, with it being the winter season not there may be some bad weather days. If you want to know if we are open on those days please call the Unity Phone after 6:30 in the morning. This gives a staff member time to try to get to work and evaluate driving conditions.

Also, please remember the children still play out side or in the barn, so dress them accordingly or send warmer close with them (gloves, mittens and hats help).

I hope everyone has a wonderful new year,
Virginia

PANDA CLASS

Panda Families,

Wow! What an amazing holiday party performance - your kids did great! I think we had the biggest turnout ever and happy kids this year! Thank you all for coming it was fun to see each of you.



We had a great time at the library this month. Sensory story time is always a big hit with this group. Thanks to parents who joined us!

This month we talked about family, celebrations and winter. We made cookies and play dough for the holiday party. We also made snowflake prints, gingerbread people, mittens and ornaments to decorate the classroom. We have also gotten to open the presents that you have purchased for our classroom - Thank you so much! Looking forward to the next few months and the events they have in store for us!

Warm wishes,
Cherri, Celia & Cori

CATERPILLAR CLASS

Happy New Year Caterpillar Families!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the Winter Celebration, the children worked so hard preparing songs and treats for their friends and families, it was an amazing experience to share with all of you.



December was a fun filled month. We explored different concepts including colors, letters, and shapes. One of our favorite activities was color mixing. We enjoyed discovering what new colors we could make and also created some rainbows. Another activity was going on shape hunts in the classroom. Christian noticed the caterpillar pillow was in the shape of a circle! The children

have also been learning how to identify the letters in their name, and even letters in their friend's names.

During the month of January we would like to take the opportunity to continue fundraising for animals in need. We will be collecting donations of food, toys, beds, and kitty litter for Green Hill. There is a box by the cubbies in the Caterpillar room where you can put your donations. We are planning a field trip to Green Hill Humane Society in late January to deliver these goodies and spend some time with the animals. Keep your eyes peeled for a set date on the parent information board.

We appreciate you keeping your children's cubbies well stocked with hats, mittens, and extra clothes as these colder months continue. It really helps your child experience the wonderful outdoors comfortably!

We are looking forward to learning and growing with your children in the New Year!

Teachers,
Tara, Jessica, Kevin, and Tinisha

LADYBUG CLASS

Ladybug Families,

Welcome to 2016! We are jumping right into winter and that includes lots of playing outside or in the barn. Please double-check that your child has a change of clothes appropriate for the cold and wet weather so we can

ensure they stay comfortable at school. One change of clothes is all we can fit into our cubbies though. We are very short on storage space and ask you to please leave backpacks and personal toys at home. If your child must have a backpack, we may move it to a different location to make space for coats and shoes. Please see Dorothy or Michelle if you have questions about this.

We are planning a lot of fun activities in the upcoming month so keep your eye out for notifications in your parent mailbox. We are hoping to do another field trip and would love parents to come along if you have the time. Volunteer opportunities will be posted on the door of our classroom as we get more details.

We are continuing working on the letter of the week and a shape of the month. We are adding numbers into our weekly focus as well. Check out the parent board in the ladybug classroom for specifics. Your child has been working very hard on learning and may have a lot to take home on a regular basis. Please check your child's art file daily to see what fun activity they are bringing home for you.



Thank you to all the families who attended our *Winter Celebration!*
Once again it was a great success and we couldn't have done it without
all of you.

As always, please speak with Dorothy or Michelle if you have any
questions.

Thanks

Dorothy, Michelle, Mandolin and Valery.

BUTTERFLY CLASS

Hi Butterfly Families!

All of us in Butterfly Land hope that you had a wonderful and memorable holiday season! We certainly did and had a wonderful time with your children!

We would like to thank all of the families who gifted the Butterfly class all of the amazing gifts off of the Giving Tree! We are super excited to do some yummy cooking projects with our class, sewing activities and more art projects! Your generous gifts are greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!

There really isn't much to talk about this month, so we'll keep it short.

Please keep your eyes peeled for some field trips coming up in the next couple of months, as well as information on our very special "One Hundred Days of School Party" that will be on Monday, February 1st! This is a big deal in Butterfly Land that the children have been looking forward to since the first day of school!

Ok, well that's it for this month! Thank you so much for sharing your darling children with us every day! We absolutely love them and have been having the best time spending our days with them!

Happy New Year!!! May 2016 bring you much love, peace and good health!

Smiles & Hugs,
Pammie, Erin and Kelly



Hello from the Otters,

The Otters enjoyed preparing for our Winter Program. They worked hard prior to their performances. Some made their own costumes while others had fun thinking about props. We enjoyed their humor, songs and dancing. We want to thank all of you for joining us for this fun event.

When it comes to large group time, they have a lot of fun ideas for new games and activities. The Otters have been exploring a lot of creative talent over the past month. They have drawn some great pictures and have also made some great things with supplies from our construction area. Since the Otters have been expressing themselves through many artistic mediums, we are working on dedicating a section of the classroom for them to showcase their work.

A new project that the Otters are going to start working on will be with a terrarium. We will be deciding as a class what we will be putting in the terrarium. We are hoping to keep the terrarium in the classroom year round and change the inhabitants with the seasons and life cycles.

A project that the staff is trying to work on is building up our family photo board. We have a good start but have a lot of blank space still. Please bring some photos of your family having fun so we can put them up on the board too.

Thank you and we hope everyone had an amazing start to the new year!

The Otter Teachers, Josh & Sarah



January 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Unity Closed
4	5 Tuition Due	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15 Overuse Payments Due
18	19	20	21	22
25 Schedule changes due	26	27	28	29

HAPPY NEW YEAR