KKCC NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

January 2nd – New Year's Break
Center Closed
January 13th – Parent Appreciation Day
January 16th – MLK Day
Center Closed
January 18th – Early Dismissal
Center Closed @ 3:30

Next Tuition Due Dates	
January 9	January 23
February 6	February 20

School Closings
Whenever KKCC is closed because of inclement weather or other emergency circumstances, all parents and staff will be notified by message using the Procare application.

Happy Birthday

Jonathan	*Little Lambs*	*January 1*
Olamiposi	*Caterpillars*	*January 2*
Kisheri	*Little Lambs*	*January 3*
Travis	*Little Lambs*	*January 5*
Avanna	*Caterpillars*	*January 6*
Kayden	*Caterpillars*	*January 8*
Jalil	*Little Lambs*	*January 17*
Itiya	*Little Lambs*	*January 18*
Leeyah	*Chipmunks*	*January 19*
Elijah	*Chipmunks*	*January 27*
Ethan	*Chipmunks*	*January 30*
Faculty and Staff		
Ms. Martha – January 1		
Ms. Roberts January 7		
Ms. Bolanos – January 8		

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Cheers to the new year! I can't believe it's 2023 already! Time is truly flying. This month we remember the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and celebrate you, parents, during Parent Appreciation Day. We aim to celebrate you on January 13th! God bless each and every one of you. We pray that you achieve every goal you set for you and your families, God is able!

Kiddies Kollege will continue to require all students and staff to wear masks while in the center. We have found that wearing masks has been a great way to reduce the transmission of germs. We will notify parents and staff of any occurrences and updates to the guidelines. It is critical that we all continue to follow the policy on sick children. Sick children will not be allowed in the center while symptoms persist. Thank you!

The mission of Kiddies Kollege Christian Center is to provide a warm, stimulating, safe, affordable, high quality pre-school program that develops the social, emotional, and academic needs of children of the greater Laurel community.

THE BEAVERS

Ms. Ndamo & Ms. Lien

Happy New Year! Welcome 2023. All thanks to God, we made it into the new year. Despite the aftermath of COVID-19, we continue to forge ahead. God is faithful ad we trust He will keep on blessing us with his love and goodness. We pray that Christmas was celebrated with your families in great joy, peace, and love.

The month of December was very busy and exciting. The Beavers had a wonderful Christmas Carol presentation. They all participated, and we are proud of them. The students, parents, and teachers had a great Christmas party. We had a lot of food and drinks. We are thankful to you parents for your generous contributions and most importantly, your presence.

We look forward to exciting and fun-filled activities ahead of us. In January, we shall talk about some countries in Europe and study some aspects of their culture. Next, we will learn about Winter, it's characteristics, and some safety measures to take during the season. Then, we will look at Arctic Animals; name some and where and how they live. Lastly, we will visit Outer Space.

In number work, we shall work on counting by 5s and 10 to 100, number names from one to ten, and fractions ½. In Phonics, we will work on words ending in two consonants. Possessive, long vowel sounds and two-vowel rule. We will also start working on the "I learn to read" books. Parents are encouraged to review them their children as the books came home. Please remember to check and ensure that your child does his/her homework properly.

We look forward to a safe and prosperous new year. May God grant us all good health, love, peace, joy and all the wonderful blessings He has in store for His children. Amen.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17

Truth: You are new in Christ, even today.

THE CATERPILLARS

Ms. Chase & Ms. Victoria B.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome to the month of January 2023. I pray that you had a wonderful holiday and brought in the New Year with the presence of God! On behalf of Ms. Chase and I, we would like to give a big special 'THANK YOU' to all the parents for coming to our Christmas play. We do understand your busy work schedule but finding the time to come and see your daughters/sons is truly appreciated. THANK YOU & God bless you all!

The Caterpillars are making great progress in their learning and comprehension skills! Ms. Chase and I are very proud of their accomplishments. They're getting smarter each day.

As we go forth into this new year, the children will start getting more familiar with their number recognition, being able to identify their letters and to pronounce their sounds, as well as shapes and colors.

In the first week of January, our students will be introduced to "Cultural Week/ Europe." The children will learn about different foods that can be found there, and the culture they live by. Also, we will be learning different songs and teaching the children how to sing them. As we venture into the second week, our theme will be "Winter." The children will gain knowledge about things associated with the winter season such as temperature, clothing, and snow. They will learn how important it is to stay warm in the wintertime.

Walking into the third week, our theme will be "Arctic Animals." This will be an especially fun theme because we will be teaching about the different types of Arctic Animals and showing pictures and videos of them. Students will be involved in activities that will keep their imagination going!

Finally for our last week of January, we will be learning about "Outer Space!" The kids will gain knowledge on the different planets and learn about Astronauts that work in Outer Space. This will be a great learning experience for our students.

We would also give a special shout-out to the ones celebrating birthdays, Avanna and Olamiposi! We hope you'll have a great start of the year. HAPPY NEW YEAR

Caterpillars Class Reminders!

Please pack extra mask for your kids
-Remember to pack an afternoon snack.
-If your child is sick, please keep them home.
-Remember to pack a water bottle
-Please remember to label all your child's belongings EVERYTHING

THE CHEETAHS

Ms. Martha & Ms. Triumph

Welcome to a new year parents and Cheetahs! We're praying this year is filled with blessings after blessings, new opportunities, growth, happiness, success, and great learning. Thank you, parents, for attending the Christmas party and program. The Cheetahs worked so hard and looked forward to their parents being there. We also want to thank parents for helping the Cheetahs with their culture presentation. It was a great experience learning about everyone's culture. The children learned a couple of things about each other. The culture presentation was a great way to help the Cheetahs learn the concept of public speaking. We look forward to seeing their black history presentation and women's history presentations when February and March comes.

This month, the Cheetahs will learn about different themes such as Europe, winter, arctic animals, and outer space. This month the Cheetahs will learn about letters R, F, K, J, V, W, Y, P and their sounds. They will also practice writing these letters. The Cheetahs will learn how to count and recognize numbers 1-50. They will also continue to learn how to sound blends and one vowel words.

Cheetahs Class Reminders

1. Class starts at 9. Please have your child in class on time
2. Sick children must stay home until they're symptom free
3. Children's lunches must always be in a microwavable container
4. Popcorn, candy, and peanut butter isn't allowed in school.

THE CHIPMUNKS

Ms. Roberts & Ms. Flavia

Happy New Year Chipmunk parents! We thank God for another year and pray everyone has a wonderful 2023. We are moving fast into the completion of the school year. Graduation is upon us in 6 months! Please, let's make sure all schoolwork is completed, even I your child is out of school. Homework is important because it gives your child the added reinforcement.

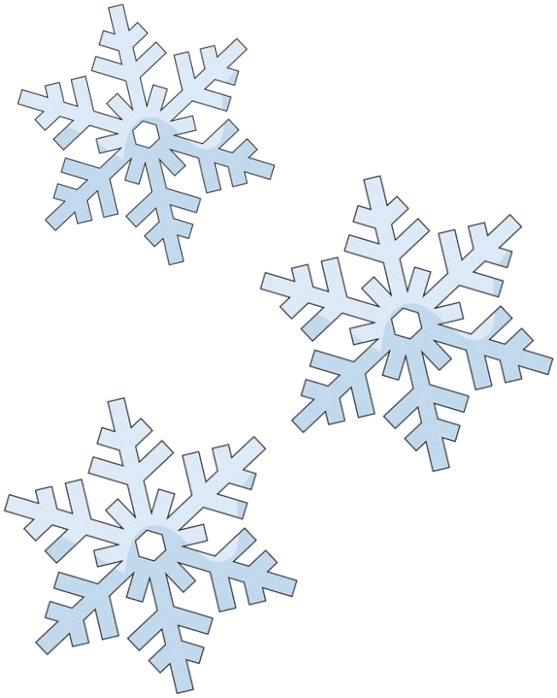
We will begin this new year with a teaching on Europe traveling through the countries and focusing on as many as we can. Please buy your "flight tickets" early.

The weather is much colder now, and we will remind the children to dress appropriately. No flip flops in the snow! Hot chocolate and a nice cozy blanket will do!

Next, we will learn about artic animals and how they adapt to their environment and how they use it to protect themselves. I don't know about you, but I just can't seem to adapt to the cold!!!

Finally, we will all be shooting of to the moon! Outer space is so amazing and shows forth the glory of God. I don't think any of us can afford the ticket for the trip, but we have a very generous donor who has offered to use the "Imagination Station" to make sure we all have a wonderful time in space!

May the Lord grant you great peace and prosperity in this New Year!



THE BUSY BEEZ

Ms. B & Ms. Kimani

Dear parents,

Welcome to a Glorious New Year in Jesus name, amen! We thank God for keeping all of us safe in the year 2022 and for that we are eternally grateful! Ms. Kimani and I wish you and your family a happy and blessed New Year. The year 2022 went by rather fast! It was a year of getting to know our Busy Beez better and them getting to know us better. The Busy Beez had fun learning about the different themes that were outlined in our newsletters: however, the theme on Christmas was by far their favorite. That was because they learned the real reason for Christmas- Jesus! (Jesus is the reason for the season).

We want to express our sincere thanks to all our parents for making our Christmas Party such a great one. Thank you for all your contributions. They were truly appreciated! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Kudos to our Busy Beez for a great Christmas performance. We are extremely proud of them.

The theme for the first month of January is *"**Culture Week.*** The students will be taught that culture is a pattern of behavior shared by a society, or group of people. They will also be taught that many different things make up a society's culture. These things include food, language, clothing, tools, music, arts, customs, beliefs, and religion. Our focus during this week is Europe.

The theme for the second week is ***"Winter".*** The children will learn that winter is one of the four seasons in some parts of the world. They will also learn that winter is the coldest season, that snow falls in the winter and that trees and plants stop growing in the winter. We will also discuss how some animals hibernate in the winter.

The theme for the third week of January is "**Arctic Animals.**" During this week, the students will be taught where the Arctic is located and observe how the position of the Arctic in relation to the sun results in very cold weather. Students will learn about the animals that live in the Arctic and how they adapt to survive.

The theme for the fourth week of January is ***"Outer Space."*** During this week, we will discuss the outer space, astronauts, and their travel to space.

The students will be working on the numbers **8** and **9** and letters **Kk** and **Ll**. Our Bible stories include *"**Jesus' Boyhood," "Follow Me," "First Miracle,"*** and ***"The Woman at the Well."***

For your information dear parents, our next chapel is scheduled for **January 4, 2023**. Please mark your calendars. To all our wonderful Busy Beez students, start your year with a cheer! Be the best you can be and have fun learning new things. To the parents/guardians, we look forward to another awesome year in Jesus' name amen

A NEW YEAR POEM

In the New Year, let's resolve
to get less stressed, upset, anxious
about things over which we have no control.
Let's have a narrower focus on our lives,
loving and helping our family and friends,
making our community a better place to live,
to create peace and contentment.

In the New Year, let's resolve
to pay less attention to depressing stories
on TV, in magazines and newspapers,
and to stop focusing on what we want
that we haven't got,
instead of appreciating
the many blessings we do have.

In the New Year, let's look for the good.
We may have to search
through a mass of negative media,
but the good is there,
all around us.

I wish for you a New Year filled with good,
engulfed in serenity and happiness!

By Joanna Fuchs

THE DOLPHINS

Ms. Jenae & Ms. Kesha

Dear parents, it may be cold where we live, however, we've been talking about places where it's nice and warm. The children have been enjoying learning about new countries, animals, and kids.

As a class, we are counting to ten and many are counting to ten all by themselves! We really enjoy our animal alphabet friends. This month, we will meet Freddy Fish and Gomer Goat.
We will also learn about winter, arctic animals, outer space and so much more. We hope everyone will enjoy the new year as much as we will!

THE LITTLE LAMBS

Ms. Lydia & Ms. Patel

New year, new goals to be met, and wishes for a better year. Parents, we welcome you to this new year and with new challenges to meet. Most of our children are doing very well with their potty training. Thanks for your help! I also want to thank all of you for joining us in our Christmas program. I know our little ones enjoyed it to the fullest.
This month we will go on a trip to Europe. We will learn about their culture and many more interesting things. Then we'll talk about winter. So cold! Then, we will talk about arctic animals. What do they do during the cold and how do they survive? Next, we will go on a trip to outer space with our astronauts. It will be a great adventure!

Little Lambs Class Reminders:
We want to remind all of you, if your child has an accident, please send extra clothes the next day and make sure they have two changes of clothes according to the weather. Make sure they have extra masks in case they get dirty or damaged. Most importantly if your child is sick, please keep them home until they are 24 hours without symptoms. It is for the good of them and those of us around them. Thank you and happy new year!

Reminders

- **Keep sick children home from school**. If a child complains of not feeling well or shows ***any*** signs or symptoms of illness, the parents will be called to pick up the child from school.
- Pack at least one extra mask in your child's bag.
- Breakfast is served from 8-8:30 am daily.
- Classes begin at 9:00am each day.
- Do not pack shellfish, nuts, peanuts, or other nut products for lunch or snacks.
- We encourage you to pack fresh fruits and vegetables for your child's lunch.
- Do not send food items that may be choking hazards for young children (i.e., grapes, popcorn).
- Put an ice pack in the lunch box to keep food fresh.
- Use only microwavable containers. Meals must take no longer than two minutes to microwave.
- Keep two complete sets of weather-appropriate clothing (including underwear and socks) at school for your child.
- **Crocs and open-toed sandals are prohibited**.
- Shoes with Velcro are strongly encouraged, laces can cause a lot of accidents!
- Children should not wear expensive jewelry or bring valuable items to school
- Do not send toys, especially stuffed animals, to school.
- Remove and review classwork that has been placed in your child's folder each day.

** Class news and reminders were contributed by classroom teachers. For questions, comments, or corrections, contact Ms. Victoria

KKCC Holiday Decorations

Little Lambs- 1st Place Winner, Door Decoration Contest

Beavers- Runner-Up, Door Decoration Contest

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Caterpillars- Runner-Up, Door Decoration Contest

Busy Beez

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Chipmunks

Reindeer
Stable
Feed
Reindeer

Workshop