



Happy Hopper January 2025 Newsletter



Food for Thought

Beginning Cooperative Play

At age 3, you will see your child transition from parallel play to cooperative play. In parallel play, children play alongside each other, maybe using the same materials, maybe not, interacting little. As their social skills grow, they begin engaging in cooperative play. In cooperative play, they are able to contribute ideas, play roles, and work with their peers in a collective game. This is usually dramatic play related but could also be building, an art project, or a team game. Cooperative play is instrumental in developing a positive sense of self and self-regulation skills. It is also important for building empathy (taking on the role of another in dramatic play), speaking and comprehension skills, and conflict resolution skills. If your child seems unsure of how

to engage a peer in cooperative play, give them tips on how to approach the situation (“You could ask her if you could be the sister”; “Why don’t you offer him a turn with your ball?”; etc). Some children need a little coaching in how to play, but the time it takes to show them how to engage their peers in cooperative play is full of rewards for their development



REMINDERS

- * Please remember to label EVERYTHING including lunch box, water bottle, extra clothes, and blankets. It's hard trying to keep track of everyone's new stuff. Check out our lost and found basket...it is getting full with items we are unsure to whom they belong to.
- * Please send in utensils with your child's lunch.
- * Remember to let us know if your child is going to out or late
- * Send in a labeled water bottle
- * Please remember we

do go outside daily, in the morning and afternoon. So please dress kids accordingly
* Please send in all your child's (LABELED) snow gear (snow pants, winter coat, hat, mittens, and boots)



FAVORITE MEMORY

My favorite memory from my in the Happy Hopper classroom is our morning circle time. I cherish the moment when the kids would sit together, sing the ABC song, and dance to nursery rhymes. It was a joyful experience!!

Ms. Saranya

I have enjoyed spending a few mornings in the Happy Hopper classroom this past month and my favorite memory was doing circle time and trying to name animal noises. Listening to the kids get so excited when they got it correct and then watching them try to form the sounds with their own voices. It was adorable and they kept asking for another animal and wanted to keep going.

Ms. Megan

My favorite memory with the kids is when we get To play together, sitting on the carpet listening to them tell me stories about their dolls or what the dolls are doing. Hearing and seeing their imaginations work in real time will always be my favorite thing!

Ms. Tara



WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

This time of year while we are going out side we have a lot of pieces of clothing to put on. We work hard on getting all of our snow gear on ourselves! We try to make a game out of it and make it fun! Please take some time at home to work on putting on coats,hats, and gloves. If you go play in the snow, have your child show you how they put their snow pants on!

We are also working on cleaning up before getting a new toy out. Making sure to put things away in their proper bins and baskets so other friends know where our toys are. Please be sure to practice putting things away after we are all done at home and model these behaviors

at home so they see
that grown ups tidy up
too!







Birthdays

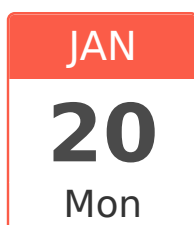
We want to wish Isla, Willow, and Divonte a very special Happy Birthday!

Hellos and Goodbyes

We are saying hello to our new friend Eyon! Can't wait to meet you

We are saying see you in the hallways to our friend Mady who will be moving up to the LA room! Wishing you lots of fun in LA!

IMPORTANT DATES



Closed for MLK!

THEMES and COLORS

1/6 Health **green**

1/13 Spirit week **blue**

12/20 I had a dream **red**

1/27 Michigan **purple**

MENU

	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, & Granola	Cheese Pizza English Muffins	Snack Activity: Pretzel Snowflake (Marshmallows & Pretzel Snacks)
Thursday	Pancakes & Bananas	Pretzels & Apples	Ritz Crackers and String Cheese
Friday	Hash browns & Oranges	Chicken Noodle Soup & Saltines	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches
<p>Notes Please review the menu with your child and provide a substitute meal if necessary. Children should bring all necessary items needed to complete their meal. This includes: bowl, microwaveable items, spoons, forks, etc. Only can items with tabs are allowed. Parents please do not allow your children to bring diet supplement drinks or Soda Pop.</p>			
<p>*Milk, Juice or Water is offered as a beverage choice with all meals.</p>			

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