



Blake & Milford CLC  
Brooklyn, New York  
**February 2019**

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### Dear Blake Families

#### Preparing for Cold Weather Season

Brrrr! With temperatures getting colder every week, it's time to ensure that your program is taking steps to avoid potentially serious weather-related incidents. Freezing temperatures outside can increase your risk of pipe damage and flooding inside. It may also be more difficult for your facility to maintain required indoor temperatures at all times. Remember, classrooms must be between 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit during cold weather.

- Ensure all windows and doors are secured
- Make sure your pipes are insulated where possible
- Make a plan to monitor your pipes, and turn on faucets periodically during cold weather to help them avoid freezing
- Confirm your building's boiler is in good working order
- Be mindful of the time it will take to heat your building, if heat has been off for any period of time

Happy Valentine's Day!



### Upcoming Birthday's

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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### Important Dates

February 18<sup>th</sup> 2019- Closed for Presidents Day

February 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Closed for staff Development

February 18<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 – Closed for UPK Students

### Infant News

For the month of January, we are proud to announce that the Infant room has been a place for Babies developmentally making progress. There's always excitement in our infant room! Our little ones can enjoy a safe and learning environment through music, play and movement activities. We also take our time to understand their needs, so that we have each child achieve their milestone. Our younger Infants, practices their fine motor skills by reaching, grabbing, pulling and tapping. To get our babies to develop physical and social-emotional wellness, our role is to develop skills in the environment to build on these domains. We have been singing songs, dancing and labeling objects to develop skills. In addition, our older infants are developing their self help skills, by drinking from an open cup and eating alone with support.



We would like to thank our staff, families and Parent Advisory Committee for participating in our school fundraising. Visit us online at:

[www.blakeandmilforddaycare.com](http://www.blakeandmilforddaycare.com)

## Pre-Toddler

Happy to say that we have made out of the holiday season in one piece! During the month of February we will be continuing to learn about the winter season including animals that live in cold climates. On February 14, 2019 or Valentine's Day, our class will be wearing red T-shirts or a sweater. The teachers and children will continue to develop and nurture the five domains of development. Parents I ask that you help us out by continuing to read and sing with your children to help promote language development. We will also continue attending our literacy program at Cypress Hill library and taking our daily walks if the weather permits. Home School Connection this month will be to color a picture of an African American inventor and send in a picture of how that invention is used today in your life. We look forward to seeing these pictures, have fun!



## Toddler News

January was a terrific month where our toddlers demonstrate new growth in their learning and development. This month we explored "The Gingerbread Man". For cognitive development the children listened to "The Gingerbread Man" story. They answered questions receptively and expressively while using their own imaginations to cooperate in storytelling. To build self-help skills the children dress themselves in their winter gear, while getting ready to go outdoors. In addition, our students practice pulling up/down their pants, wiping their nose, and washing their hands. We used picture labels to strengthen math skills as children matched buttons to corresponding numbers and colors. We sang songs and participated in finger plays like "Five Yummy Gingerbread." For fine-motor activities the children finger-painted hand prints, ripped paper for decorating, and took turns placing body parts on a life-size gingerbread boy. For gross motor activities, we played games like gingerbread man number hop game and the gingerbread man letter hunt. We read books such as "The Gingerbread Man" by Paul Galdone. Our class continues to participate in the literacy program at the Cypress Hill Library, every Wednesday morning.



## Pre-School News

During the month of January our preschoolers were immersed in learning all about winter! We learned about the different kinds of clothing that's worn to keep our bodies warm; Mittens, Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Jackets, Ear muffs, Boots, Face masks, Sunglasses and much more! We also discussed Animals that hibernate during winter! The various books; "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats, "Snow Rabbit Spring Rabbit" by Il Sung Na, and "The Mittens" by Jan Brett were incorporated to extend learning on our Winter theme.

Students continued to work on first name recognition, as they worked on name Puzzles, Alphabets and various art projects. Parents are encouraged to read daily to your child for at least 20 minutes as this help strengthen letter and phonemic awareness.

