

January

Early Head Start - Ms. Patti will be focusing on Pretend Play. "When children engage in pretend play they are actively experimenting with the social and emotional roles of life." Younger children explore pretend play by imitating actions and behaviors they see. Games such as Peek-A-Boo and how to hold, rock and pat a stuff doll are simple but effective activities that increase social/emotional stability.

Older children engage in symbolic play. This means using one object to represent another. Such as using a block as a cell phone. A simple but easy way to practice this is through a pretend play scenario such as a picnic.

Ms. Patti will also be presenting a variety of nursery rhymes through singing songs such as "Row your Boat" and "Twinkle Little Star." "When children are exposed to singing, they develop a sense of joy and excitement about language, gently unfolding their desire to read and write."

Happy Birthday!

- Damien 1/2
- Ranezmay 1/3
- Maizlyn 1/14



Family Support Worker/Home Visitor Ms. Laurie will be sharing ideas on setting up SMART goals. These are goals that are obtainable, and can be accomplished within a timely manner. She will also be handing out information on mental health, personal safety and car seat safety. If you live in Perry County, The Health Department has car seats and pack and plays for those who are eligible. Please call 740-342-5179 for more information.

Home Based - Home Visitor Ms. Laurie will be working with the children and families to meet their individual goals while learning about winter animals, and their habitats. She will also be reading the story, Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson to further discuss the vocabulary term "hibernation."

Center Based - Ms. Peggy & Ms. Caitlin will be promoting exercise and taking care of our bodies through classroom Yoga. They will also be discussing body parts and how they are the same or different. In addition, they will be focusing on color and shape recognition. They will incorporate a variety of learning opportunities such as a scavenger hunt and musical shape game which will entice and encourage the children's interest in learning.

Important Dates

- **Parent Meeting** - January 10th 4:30 p.m. at Corning Head Start
- **Center Closed** - January 16th

Home Based Socializations

- January 11th 5:00 p.m. at Little Italy Pizza in New Straitsville
 - January 25th 5:00 p.m. at the Corning Head Start Center
- *Subject to change