From Paige

This is an exciting and hectic time of year with finals, traveling, baking, decorating, shopping, and celebrations. In addition, the children are brimming with anticipation which creates a lot of high energy. I hope each of you will find time to take a few relaxing breaths and enjoy the season.

All of us at Bunnell House wish all of you a warm and joyful holiday break and look forward to seeing you in 2018!

~Paige

However you celebrate...

Happy Holidays!

Traveling?

Please email Paige (director) if your child will be gone before December 21 or after January 5. Thank you!

Quote to Note

All children smile in the same language.
~bumper sticker

Air Quality

During colder temperatures, air quality may deteriorate. We pay close attention to air quality and adjust (reduce or eliminate) outdoor time accordingly. ♦

Best Wishes, Emily!

Emily’s last day will be December 15. She and her husband, Will, are headed to California for Will’s new job. We’ll miss Emily so much, but wish them all the best on this adventure!. ♥

Winter Closure

Bunnell House will be closed from noon on December 20 through January 5. ♦

Lab School Dates to Remember

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’Tis the Season of Giving...and Receiving

This is an exceptionally exciting time of year for young children with all the lights and goodies and gifts! Children love to give gifts and it’s always heartwarming to see their delight and pleasure as they deliver gifts to others. Their joy is obvious and appropriate.

Receiving gifts isn’t always so easy. Sometimes the gift isn’t what the child expected or even wanted. Children are not born with an innate graciousness when it comes to receiving gifts, particularly when the gift is a disappointment. Children are typically candid and can unintentionally be rude to the gift giver.

Awhile back, I attended a child’s fourth birthday party. As each gift was handed to her, she opened the card and it was read to her as she looked at it and picked out her name. Then she opened the gift and thanked the giver. Her mother then took a picture of her holding the gift. This child was being guided to savor and appreciate each gift.

Preparing children in advance—before the birthday or holiday party—to acknowledge and accept each gift with grace will prevent the awkwardness of a blunt declaration of “I don’t like this” or a careless dismissal as they reach for the next present on the pile.

Tell your child that it is important to say thank you for each and every gift. Acknowledge that sometimes they might get a gift they don’t like, but that they don’t have to announce that. A simple thank you with a smile is enough.

Role play opening gifts. Have your child look at you and say thank you. Ask your child, “What will you say if you have this present already?” “What will you say if you don’t like the present?” The answer should always be “thank you.”

Even with practice, your young child may naturally slip up. If that happens, refrain from making a public correction. Take your child aside and give a quiet reminder of what the two of you practiced.

Learning and practicing the art of receiving gifts with kindness will be a benefit to your child for a lifetime.
Snowman Soup

Ingredients
1 envelope hot cocoa mix
Hot water
Mini marshmallows
1 Candy cane

Preparation
Prepare hot chocolate as directed on package
Sprinkle with mini marshmallows
Stir with a candy cane

Enjoy!

Share Your Talents!
We invite you to share your talents with the children!

Ways parents have shared with the children in the past include:
drumming
making pizza
arranging field trips
reading to children
dog mushing
hibernating squirrel visit
printmaking

We’d love to have you visit, so talk to your child’s teacher to schedule a good time to come!

Questions or Concerns
If it is about your child or the classroom, contact the Teacher
If it is related to the program, billing or vacation notification, contact the Director

Thank you!

Late Pick Up Fees
Late pick up fees are $5 per minute. Fees will be added to your account based on the time recorded when you check out your child.

Resources for child safety:
www.cpsc.gov
www.toyinfo.org
www.healthytoys.org
www.preventchildinjury.org
www.safekids.org/safetytips

Monthly Fees
Note: December have been pro-rated due to Winter Break!

MTWRF $985
MWF $615
TR $410
Late Pick up—$5/minute

Fees are due by the 10th of each month. A late fee of 10% of account balance will be added after the 10th.

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