



THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

December 2013



Nature Center Preschool News

Welcome the first edition of Nature Center Preschool monthly news! We will be sharing information about the month ahead and including some helpful and informational tips related to the education of young children.

December Vacation week is coming up soon and we have a fun week planned for children ages 3-6! Nature Center Preschool Teachers and Science Center Naturalists combine talents for a unique Vacation Week Program called “Animal Stories and More”!

December 23,24,26,27,30,31

Each day will be a new adventure as we meet an animal relating to the chosen storybook. Please dress appropriately to go outside.

Monday: *Owl babies*—meet Hedwig the barred owl

Tuesday: *Eggs 123*—meet a salamander

Thursday: *Goldie and The Three Hares*—meet Toby the bunny

Friday: *Gilbert Goldfish wants a Pet*—meet a snake

Monday: *Blue Chicken*—meet the chickens

Tuesday: *One Tiny Turtle*—meet our turtles



\$33/day members \$38/day non members
All sessions are 9am-12:30pm; please send your child to the program with a **peanut free/dairy free** snack and lunch. **New extended day! 12:30-2 additional \$15**
Registrations have been sent via your child’s cubby, if you did not receive one, ask your child’s teacher.



A South Shore
YMCA Organization

The South Shore Natural Science Center has many family programs. You can find out more at:

<http://southshorenaturalsciencecenter.org/winter-program-guide-2014/>

Did you know?

Enrollment for Fall 2014 will begin in mid-December for current Nature Center Preschool families. Open enrollment will start in January so don't wait to enroll your child for next Fall! Registration paperwork will be sent home in cubbies. If you do not receive a registration please ask your Teachers or Preschool Director, Diane, for another copy!

Family Advisory Council News!

The **Barefoot Bookfair** was a great success! A big 'Thank You' goes out to Chris Jacobs for coordinating the many volunteers and families who helped at the bookfair, bought books for their families or purchased Teacher wishlist items for the classrooms! Thank you to all families for your generosity towards the Diaper Drive for Friends of the Homeless on the South Shore. They have

been very appreciative of the donations of diapers. Thank you, as well, to Diane DeNapoli for coordinating. Community outreach efforts like the diaper drive create meaningful connections and model to young children the importance of helping others.

We will be joining the Friends of the Homeless on the South Shore for a Holiday Gift Drive this month. Information will be posted in each classroom.

Dates in December

Dec 5-17 Friends of the Homeless Gift Drive

Dec 12 FAC meeting 6:30-7:30pm

Dec 19 Swim session at EMILSON ends

Dec 23-Jan 1 Winter break-No School/
December vacation week program

Jan 2 classes resume

Jan 6 New swim session begins

December Winter Science Learning!

- **Science:** Experimenting with glue, salt and water colors
- **Fine motor:** using eye droppers with a pincer grasp
- **Language:** using language to converse about the colors being attracted to the salt; sharing ideas and experiences
- **Math:** creating irregular and geometric shapes, counting number of colors used
- **Visual Arts:** Exploring new media

