

FAMILY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021

Small World has been providing nurturing educational care to children for over 40 years. We encourage reasoning, respect and responsibility for children of all ages.

Instructional Corner

January was full of all types of transportation! We were on the move with things like boats, cars, scooters, helicopters, trains, and bikes!

Classrooms created their own vehicles that rolled through races, boats that floated in water, and planes that flew as high as they could outside. Some classrooms explored places that transportation could take us and began discussing the countries that our families come from. Children participated by bringing traditional clothing, musical instruments, pictures, and sharing traditional songs from their families' countries.

In addition to transportation, children continued to explore Winter. With yummy recipes, math activities, art projects, and outside fun, classrooms really got a sensory filled experience of January wintry weather.

Next month will be devoted to Happy Heart Health in our 2's and 3's classes. Classrooms will explore ways in which we keep our bodies and environment healthy. With the current health crisis, it is more important than ever to instill healthy habits in our little ones. Students will talk about hygiene, nutrition, exercise and wellness.

UPK students will focus on LIGHT throughout the month of February. Children will discover the fascinating wonders of light and light sources.

February also marks celebrations like Valentine's Day, Black History Month, and the Lunar New Year.

Family Corner

The DOE has postponed 3K and UPK applications. They are expected to be available late February.

Children born in 2017 are eligible for UPK. Children born in 2018 are eligible for 3K programs. In order to apply once applications are open, you will need to create a myschools.nyc account.

We will provide more information and answer questions for families at the upcoming Virtual Family Workshop on **February 23. The 3K workshop will take place at 12:30. The UPK workshop will take place at 1:30.** We will send a workshop reminder as well as a Google Meet link as we get closer to then.

We will continue to send updated information to all families once it becomes available.

Free Family Fun In NYC

- **Feb.1 – Lunar New Year Festival** – Brookfield Place Arts 230 Vesey St.
- **Feb.1 – Winter Jam** – Central Park (Outdoor artificial snow activities – ALL AGES)
<https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2020/02/01/winter-jam-nyc>
- **Feb.27 – Free Soccer Classes by Stellar Soccer** – Morningside Park (Varying times for ages 2-5)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

2/15: ALL PROGRAMS CLOSED – President's Day

2/16 – 2/19: UPK PROGRAMS CLOSED – Mid Winter Break

2/23: VIRTUAL FAMILY WORKSHOP – UPK & 3K Applications

3K @ 12:30 - 1:30

UPK @ 1:30 – 2:30

2/25: VIRTUAL FAMILY WORKSHOP @1:00PM – Positive Solutions 101

Pyramid Model

Using positive language to improve your child's behavior.

How you communicate with your child can greatly impact their behavior. To promote more positive behaviors, aim to:

- **Replace “don’t” with “do”** - Tell your child what s/he can DO rather than what they shouldn't do. (*“You can throw the ball or frisbee.” vs. Don't throw that!*)
- **Offer choices** – When your child is given a choice they feel empowered. (*“Would you like to wear your green shirt or your red shirt?”*)
- **Tell your child “when”** – Instead of telling your child they cannot do something, give them a time when they can. (*“The playground will be so fun! We will go to the playground after nap.”*)
- **Use “first – then” language** – Giving your child steps is another way to tell them what they can do (*“First, let's clean up your snack, then you can take out your puzzles.”*)
- **Give your child time to think** – Your child may not always respond immediately to your request or questions. Give them time to process their thoughts. When needed, repeat your request or question.

Room 201: Ms. Monica, Ms. Danielle,
Ms. Zakia

This month we learned all about transportation. The children had fun making subway trains using different shapes.



Room 202: Mr. Michael, Ms. Fran, Ms.
Jamika

We are learning about Winter and the Arctic. We had a fun winter warming activity where we made hot (warm) chocolate and practiced counting by adding marshmallows.



ROOM 203: Ms. Annette, Ms. Ines,
Ms. Marta

At the beginning of the new year we celebrated two friends' 4th birthday. The children really enjoyed the double cupcakes. Happy 4th birthdays Hailey and Marlow 1-11- 2021



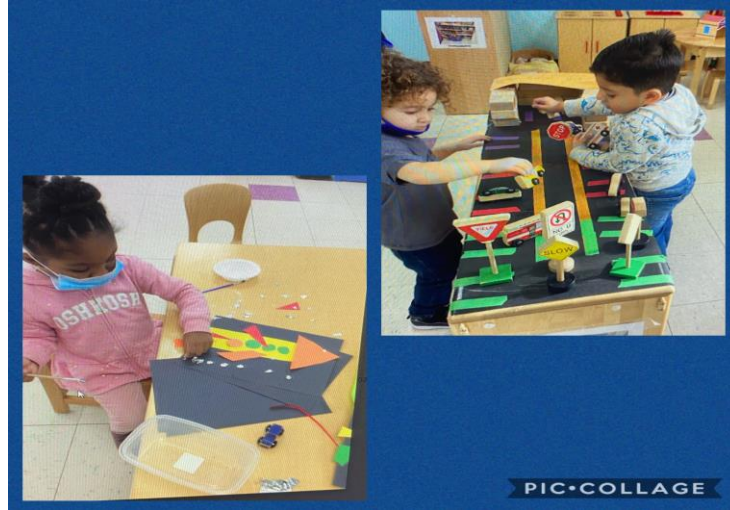
ROOM 205: Ms. Maggie, Ms. Diana,
Ms. Antoni

Here the children enjoy playing with the vehicles and learning about how we share the road.



**ROOM 303: Ms. Mita, Ms. Maria,
Ms. Jeannette**

LET'S GO! We explored all the ways that we can travel. Students made transportation art and we transformed our centers into transportation hubs!



UPK

**ROOM 301: Ms. Yuliya, Ms. Nicole,
Ms. Johaidy**

Our students explored all things transportation! They constructed bridges and all types of modes of transportation.



**ROOM 302: Ms. Diana, Ms. Jacxenie, Ms.
Joana**

As we are talking about transportation, we created homemade math gameboards using dice and vehicles. As the dice was rolled the vehicles were on the move until they reached 25! Our friends didn't want the fun to end!

