

Coastal Kids Preschool

Winter Newsletter 2024



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Dear Friends of Coastal Kids Preschool,

As winter's chill settles in, we find warmth in the love and togetherness of the holiday season. At Coastal Kids Preschool, we reflect on what truly fills our hearts with joy—you, our incredible supporters. Thanks to your unwavering dedication, we've built something extraordinary: a community where children not only thrive and grow, but also leave behind traces of wonder, laughter, and occasionally, trails of glitter in their wake.

Every day, we see firsthand the magic that happens when dedicated educators, curious children, and a supportive community come together. Your generosity fuels this magic. Whether it's a book that sparks a lifelong love of reading, a playground adventure that inspires bravery, or simply a child feeling included and valued, **your contributions make it all possible.**

Here's a peek at where your support goes:

- **Ensuring Inclusion:** Supporting classrooms where all children, regardless of abilities, learn, play, and grow together.
- **Enriching Education:** Providing high-quality materials that keep little hands and minds busy.
- **Fostering Exploration:** Creating engaging outdoor learning areas where children can climb, dig, and sled down mini mountains of freshly fallen snow.
- **Sustaining Programs:** Offering scholarships that make CKP accessible to all families, ensuring every child in our community has a chance to thrive.

When you give to CKP, you're not just shaping early childhood memories; you're building the foundation for a stronger, more connected community. The children you're supporting today will grow up to become our future teachers, business owners, civic leaders, and the friendly faces we will greet at the local farmer's market. By investing in them now, you're helping ensure our community thrives for generations to come.

This holiday season, we invite you to continue making a difference—one laugh, one hug, and one child at a time. No matter the size, every gift helps us build brighter futures and stronger communities.

Thank you for believing in our mission, supporting our kiddos, and being part of our extended CKP family. Your generosity and spirit light up our world, and for that, we are deeply grateful. Together, we're proving that it does, in fact, take a village—and what a fantastic village we have.

Warmly,

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Our website contains a vibrant photo gallery, detailed program highlights, and useful information for families. There's also an online donation portal.

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STARFISH & PUFFINS

The Starfish and Puffins classrooms, home to our enthusiastic 3-4-year-olds, are alive with curiosity and creativity! Circle time remains a favorite, especially when reading beloved books like *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* Magnetic tiles inspire incredible creations, while building ramps adds excitement and discovery to their play. Outside, the playground is their kingdom, where climbing and imaginative adventures abound. Science experiments and music bring even more joy to their days, and whether they're roaring like lions, driving imaginary trucks, or building together, the Puffins and Starfish are always learning, growing, and having a blast!



PERIWINKLES & MINNOWS

The Periwinkle and Minnow classrooms, home to our delightful toddlers, are bursting with joy and discovery! These little ones love singing and dancing, filling their days with music and movement. Dressing up is always a favorite, sparking imaginative play and endless giggles. Their classrooms are alive with sensory exploration as they learn about the world around them. Storytime is a treasured moment, with little voices eager to imitate letter sounds and dive into the magic of books. Every day is an adventure filled with music, learning, and the boundless energy of our youngest learners!



DOLPHINS

The Dolphin classroom, home to our Pre-K students has been a hub of activity and discovery! The children have been busy learning the letters of their names and exploring new letters each week, challenging themselves to brainstorm as many words as they can that begin with the week's featured letter. They've also been conducting a fascinating science experiment, graphing the decomposition of their very own Pumpkin Jack! Amid all the learning, the Dolphins' favorite moments are spent building with blocks and creating books alongside Ms. Priscilla, sparking both creativity and collaboration. There's always something exciting happening in the Dolphin room!

THE WILD ROBOT FUNDRAISER

The Coastal Kids Preschool community and families from throughout Lincoln County came together the November 2nd for an exciting Q&A session with best-selling author Peter Brown followed by a free screening of *The Wild Robot Movie*. Each family in attendance went home with a copy of a special edition of *The Wild Robot* book signed by Peter Brown. We are especially grateful to Peter Brown, the Lincoln Theater, and all of our event sponsors and donors for making this day such a success and ensuring that all event goers could attend for free!



NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

We are excited to announce the addition of Abi Iverson as Development Director to the CKP administrative team. Abi is pictured on the left accepting a sponsorship check from Arielle Lane and Gary Stone of First National Wealth Management for our Wild Robot fundraiser. If you are interested in exploring opportunities to support Coastal Kids, Abi can be reached at abi.iverson@coastalkidsme.org.

