



# January 2012

NEWSLETTER

Koudijs Kids  
Home Child Care



A warm and safe environment where children can learn, grow and have fun!

### School Transportation

Just wanted to let everyone know of some changes in school transportation. Starting the first week back to school I will NO LONGER be driving the boys to and from school. Since our appeal for bussing as been denied I have gotten in tough with Pro Taxi and the boys will be taken to and from school each day by taxi. This allows for the toddlers to get their full naps without disruption, and with potentially new children less juggling. They boys will be picked up here each morning at 8:35 and picked up at school each day at 3:25 (giving them time to get dressed and to the office). Thank you to everyone for their patience and cooperation.

### Winter Fun Outdoor Activities

Try these activities outside with your child for some winter fun.

### Spray Art

Fill a spray bottle with water and several drops of food coloring (until the water is nicely tinted) and let little Picassos go at the snow. Some ideas: Play tic-tac-toe, paint your snow angels and snowmen, make a target for snowball throwing, color snow-covered trees. Tip: Make sure kids aim away from each other, as food dye stains.

### Jewel Hunt

If you've got a group of kids, try this variation on a treasure hunt. Fill ice cube trays with water tinted with food coloring — make lots of cubes of different colors, but make only one red one. Hide them around your yard. Have a prize for the one with the most "jewels" and for the finder of the special red gem.



### Day Care Closures

There are no closures this month.

Next month we will be closed on Monday February 20th for Family Day.

### This Months Shining Star

Since everyone has had a chance to be the "star", this month we are going to try something new. Each month I am going to ask for pictures relating to a specific activity. To start (and the big kids can join in!!) I would request that you bring in a picture of your child in the snow. These pictures can go back as far as you want or be as recent as you want. Thanks for joining in on the fun and I look forward to seeing all the fun photos!

### Funshine Curriculum

This months themes are:

- How Things Work
- Penguin Party
- Mitten Magic

This month we will also be focussing on the letters M, N and O; numbers 11& 12, color blue and the shape circle.

### Quotable Quotes

"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other"

~ unknown

"The persons hardest to convince that they're at the retirement age are children at bedtime."

~ Shannon Fife

