



### Year End Tax Statements

We will have year end tax statements available in the front office for all **Full Day Preschool and Before/After Care families**. We will have them available by January 22nd. Please ask the front desk for your statement. Due to the fact that half day preschool is considered school tuition, it is not tax deductible. Therefore, we will not have statements preprinted. If you would like one for your own records, we would be happy to print one for you.

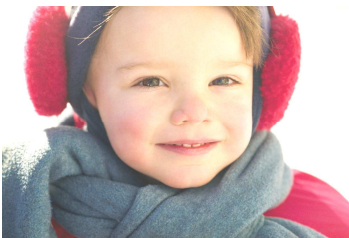
#### Important Dates

**Half Day Preschool Not in Session 15 & 18**

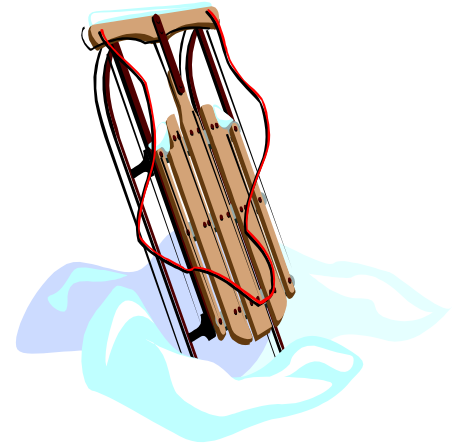


### Cold Weather

The cold weather is here! We believe it is important for children to spend time outside everyday. Please make sure you bring your child a warm coat everyday. You may also bring a pair of mittens and a warm hat (labeled) to leave at the center so you don't forget these cold weather necessities.



The Hat and Mitten Drive was a success. Thank you to all who contributed. We were able to bless many families this winter with your donations!



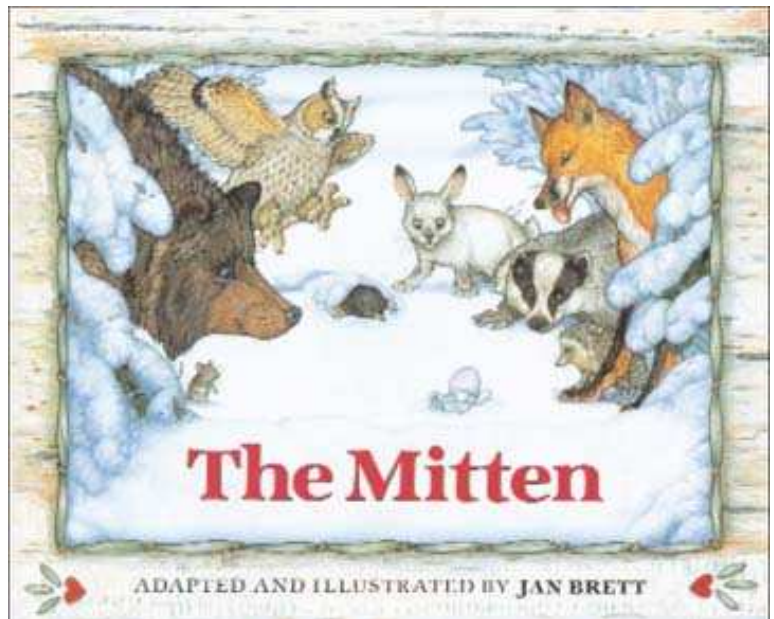
### Inclement Weather

'Tis the season for snow and ice! If inclement weather occurs, you may check the internet or media to see if we are open. You may check kgw.com for school closures and delays. If you are watching the ticker on the news channels, wait for **"Private Schools-Southwest Washington"** and look for King's Way Christian Schools. After the school message it will say if the Learning Center is open or closed or two hours late. If the elementary school is closed or 2 hours late, there will be no Half Day Preschool. King's Way is a member of the Flash News Network. You may choose to subscribe to the posted messages, receiving the information as emails and/or cell phone text messages. There is no cost for viewing the information or subscribing to messages (your mobile provider may incur standard text message delivery costs), but be aware that since the emails and text messages travel the Internet, they may be delayed or deleted by various spam filters along the way. **You may also call the Learning Center office and there will be a message posted on the voicemail to inform everyone of the decision.** Thank you!

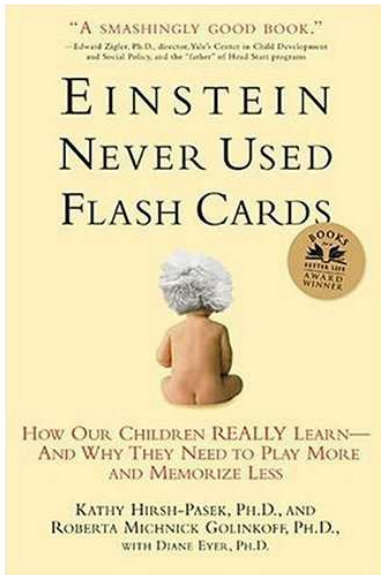
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A Ukrainian boy named Nicki wants his grandmother Baba to knit snow-white mittens for him. She warns her grandson that a white mitten will be hard to find if he loses it in the snow, but of course he promptly does just that! What happens next is the surprising part! Jan Brett is the illustrator of many well-known folktales. Her special signature in her detailed artwork is the intricate borders, seen in this book as birch-bark panels with embroidered details and mitten-shaped vignettes offering additional insights into the story line. Brett is at her best when she illustrates animals, and the expressions on the faces of her creatures are a delight. A fine story to read on a frosty night with a cup of hot chocolate, and if you ever get your fill of *The Mitten*, you can always try its delightfully original companion book, *The Hat*.



# Parents Corner

## Einstein Never Used Flashcards

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### Discovering Hidden Skills: Storytelling

See how your child does in telling stories. Some researchers study children's storytelling by having them look at picture books that stimulate their imagination without words. Get a new picture book. Any book with pictures that tells a story will do; after all, your children become the authors of the tale the pictures seem to tell. Read the book with your child and see how elaborate a story she makes up. Does she set up a problem and describe a goal and resolution? You can try this about every 6 months and watch how your child's ability to tell a coherent story continues to grow. Keep a record of how she

told the same story over time. This will be fun to look at later, when she's writing stories!

Another way to assess storytelling is to give prompt to your 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds. You can easily generate what is called a personal narrative. Start them off with something like "the funniest thing that happened to me today was..." Or try "The best thing that happened in school was..." Then let them go off on their own and see what they come up with.