

# YOUNG SCHOLARS LEARNING ACADEMY

WE PROVIDE CARE AND LEARNING MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 WEEKS TO 12 YEARS.

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## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Fireflies

Fireflies are growing by leaps and bounds these days! We are welcoming a group of infants in January, so watch for transition announcements soon!

### Caterpillars

Our friends in Caterpillars are working on learning their ABC's, colors, shapes and numbers these days. It is fun to see the progress that they are making.

### Spiders

The students in Spiders are hard at work learning all of those important self help skills, gross motor development and fine motor skills!

### Crickets

Our Cricket friends are working on becoming independent with putting on all of their outdoor clothing! Please help us out by encouraging your child to do this at home, as well!

### Chameleons

Chameleons are working on learning and writing their last names! Just like Crickets, they are also working on putting on their outdoor gear all by themselves. Please remember to label all clothing and gear as it is very easy to get things mixed up with so many children in the building.



## Holiday Program - Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30pm

Please mark your calendars to join us for a fun Holiday Program on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 pm. The teachers in the classrooms downstairs are coordinating fun and exciting stations for families to participate in. Feel free to mingle through the stations while you wait for your older children to

sing or after their performance. Spiders', Crickets' and Chameleons' classrooms will take turns singing in the gym starting at 6:30 pm. Spiders 1 is going to start, so parents and children can go to the gym first. Other classes will meet in their classroom. Touch base with the teachers to see



### Thinking of Camden and his Family!

We have another little friend that needs our thoughts and prayers! On October 27th, Camden (one of our Caterpillar students) woke up paralyzed from the waist down. His mother has shared his journey with us: "Camden was rushed to the ER and then transferred to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. After numerous tests the unofficial diagnosis is that Camden has AFM (Acute Flaccid Myelitis) or Guillain-Barre Syndrome (possibly both). AFM is a rare but serious condition that affects the nervous system, specifically the spinal cord. There is no cure or specific treatment for AFM. His condition worsened as it crept up through his body, affecting his core (unable to sit on his own) and his neck (unable to have any neck control and couldn't hold his neck up) and also affecting his swallowing and breathing (he was placed on a feeding tube). After about two weeks at Children's

Hospital they felt they had him stable enough and his pain under control enough to transfer him as there was not much else they could do. We were transferred to a hospital in Chicago where they have worked with children with AFM. He is receiving intensive therapy. I am glad to report that he can hold his head up, sit for short periods of time without falling over and the feeding tube has been removed. Unfortunately he is still paralyzed from the waist down but he is working really hard to keep his muscles active in the chance he



## Camden Wranik

regains the use of his legs. He has learned how to use a wheel chair and army crawl with his arms. Camden has also been fitted for custom leg braces."

Camden and his family have a long recovery road ahead of them. As we had

such a great response for Derek and his family, we would like to coordinate another Gift Card Drive. Please help us to collect gift cards that would be useful for Camden's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Camden and the Wranik family!

### FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Olivia's family is one of December's Family of the Month. Olivia is a busy student in our 4K program and her older brother, Sawyer graduated from YSLA a couple of years ago. Please stop at the front to learn more about their family on the bulletin board.

### TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Ms. Emily is one of our amazing 4K teachers. Her passion for education and her unlimited creativity are the perfect fit for the busy Chameleons' classroom. Check out the bulletin board in the lobby for fun pictures and to learn more about her.

### FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Our other December Family of the Month is Henrik's family. Henrik welcomed a new little brother a couple of months ago, who will be joining YSLA in January! Please take a moment to learn more about the family on the bulletin board in the lobby.



**PARENT REMINDER**  
 Please remember to have all winter weather appropriate gear at school every day! Please make sure to LABEL everything!



**Holiday Safety Tips**

- Never use lighted candles near trees, boughs, curtains/drapes, or with any potentially flammable item.
- Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." It can irritate your eyes and skin. A common substitute is non-flammable cotton.
- When spraying artificial snow on windows or other surfaces, be sure to follow directions carefully. These sprays can irritate your lungs if you inhale them.
- Avoid placing breakable tree ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower branches where small children or pets can reach them.
- Turn off all lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Unplug extension cords when not in use.

From: [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

**Winter Activity:  
 Capture the Snow Flag**

All you need for this game is a piece of white cloth and a wooden spoon.

Tie the cloth to the end of the spoon. Mark off a set area to play your game, and have one person hide the flag by placing it anywhere in the snow within your set area, making sure to press the spoon into the snow so only the white cloth is visible.

Time how long it takes to find the flag each time it is hidden. Whoever is able to hide the flag for the longest time wins.

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