



*"Kindness is like snow - it beautifies everything it covers." Khalil Gibran*

Dear Tiny Thinkers Families,

Happy January and Happy New Year to our amazing preschool families! Welcome to 2026, a fresh, sparkling new year filled with opportunities for wonder, growth, and joy. We are so excited to jump into this new chapter with our little learners as we continue to nurture curiosity, creativity, and confidence in every child.

This month, our classrooms will be buzzing with winter magic, new goals, and meaningful moments that help our children learn, connect, and shine. Thank you for being such an important part of our Tiny Thinkers community we can't wait to make this year our best one yet!

We are extra excited to share that January brings a very special milestone...

The 100th Day of School!

That's right, our little ones are about to be 100 days smarter! We'll be celebrating with fun counting activities, crafts, and hands-on projects that highlight just how much our students have learned and grown.

We'll also be honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through thoughtful classroom discussions, stories, and activities centered around kindness, fairness, friendship, and making the world a better place.

A huge, heartfelt THANK YOU to all of Santa's helpers who made our Holiday Program such a magical success! We truly couldn't do it without our amazing parent volunteers. If you're interested in joining in on future volunteer opportunities (and the fun that comes with them!), please reach out to your child's teacher we'd love to have you!

#### Upcoming Events:

##### **1) New Year's Day – School Closed**

Happy New Year! Please note that school will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026, and Friday, January 2, 2026, as we welcome a bright new year. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026. Wishing all our families a joyful, safe, and sparkling New Year celebration!

##### **2) Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School Closed**

In honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., school will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2025. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Enjoy your uplifting and relaxing 3-day weekend!

##### **3) 100th Day of School!**

Get ready to celebrate a BIG milestone our 100th Day of School is Tuesday, January 6, 2026. We're excited to mark 100 days of learning, growing, and fun!

**💵 Earn \$500 CASH! 💵 When you refer to a new family enrolled at our school; you'll receive a **\$500 cash bonus once their child has been with us for 60 days.****

#### January Reminders

##### • Weather-Appropriate Clothing

The weather remains cold. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in warm, weather-appropriate clothing each day.

##### • Daily Sign-In and Sign-Out

Please remember that signing your child in and out each day is required and is an important part of our school safety policy. Families enrolled through CCRC must also sign the appropriate CCRC page in the sign-in book.

##### • Sick Policy

If your child is feeling unwell or showing any symptoms of illness, please keep them home and consult your physician before returning to school. If a child arrives with symptoms or becomes uncomfortable during the day, parents will be notified. With flu season still active, we ask all families to take extra precautions to help keep our children and staff healthy.

##### • School Payments

If making a payment by check, please include your child's full first and last name in the memo line, along with the purpose of the payment.

- Reporting Injuries at Home

If your child is injured at home, please inform your child's teacher during morning drop-off so we can properly document and monitor as needed.

- Reporting Absences

If your child is out sick, please contact the school to help us maintain accurate attendance records and monitor the overall health of the center.

- Toys From Home

Please keep all toys at home unless it is a designated sharing day. The school is not responsible for any toys that are lost or broken.

### **Resources:**

In this section you will find important information which contains important resources for parents.

#### Finding the right school for your child:

Choosing a school for your child can feel exciting and a bit overwhelming. Beginning your search early is one of the best steps you can take, especially when preparing for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) or Kindergarten. Early enrollment helps ensure your child is ready for a strong start and prevents last-minute challenges. The beginning of the school year is an important adjustment period for students and teachers. Because many schools close for the summer, families are encouraged to complete enrollment well before the first day of school.

For more information on getting started, please refer to the First 5 California link in the list below.

#### Tips for Selecting the Right School

Every child is unique, and finding a school that supports their individual needs is important. Here are a few helpful points to keep in mind during your search:

- Consider your child's learning style
- Think about their strengths and areas where they may need support
- Reflect on your family's goals and priorities
- Stay open to exploring different school environments
- Remember that the "best" school is the one that best fits your child

You can explore these ideas further by visiting the Parent Guide website linked below.

#### Understanding Your Child's Needs

As you research or visit schools, consider whether each school is equipped to meet your child's academic, social, and emotional needs. The California Department of Education offers helpful information on available programs, services, and support that may be beneficial. If you ever feel your child's needs are not being fully met, the resources included below can guide you through understanding next steps and available options.

#### Helpful Websites for Families

- First 5 California — How to Find a School and Enroll Your Child

<https://www.first5california.com/en-us/articles/how-to-find-a-school-and-enroll-your-child-preschooler/>

- California Parent Guide — Resources for Learning, Development, and School Decisions

<https://parentguide.first5california.com/en-US/resources>

- California Department of Education — TK/Kindergarten FAQs

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/CI/gs/em/kinderfaq.asp>

Please make a note! The school is unable to allow make-up or substitute days for times that a child is absent. There will be NO refund given for days not attended. We DO NOT pro-rate tuition for vacation, sickness, holidays, or school closures. Have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

#### North Hills

Email: [info.nh@tinythinkers.com](mailto:info.nh@tinythinkers.com)

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#### Canoga Park

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## Teachers Corner

**This month our focus topic will be:**

Theme: Arctic Animals; Hibernation; Dental Health; Nutrition

Letter: Ff; Jj

Number: 20 & 21; 22 & 23

Color: Beige; Pink

Shape: Hexagon; Heptagon

Science: Polar Bear Bubbler Experiment; Dental Hygiene

Cooking: Rocketship Hotdog; Yogurt fruit Pops

Recyclable Project: Water Bottle PENGUIN; Water Bottle Tooth

Sight Words: Will & Be; Go & For

Spanish Vocabulary: Oso Polar, Zorro Ártico, Narval; Diente, cepillo de dientes, pasta de dientes; Nutrición

Canción en español: El bosque de la china; Cepilla Tus Dientes

Songs: Hibernation- The KidBoomers; Good Foods by Jack Hartmann

Sensory: Moon Sand Sensory experience; Cloud Dough Bin

Outdoor Gross Motor Skills: Freeze Dance; Boom Chica Boom song dance

Montessori Practical Life Skill: Sorting Objects by Shape; Matching Capital letters to Lowercase Letters



**Happy Birthday to everyone  
born in January**



*On your special day, that is your birthday, we wish the best of wishes. We hope that you spend your special day with your loved ones and family. We hope that all your wishes come true.*



**Thurs. 1/1/2026** New Years Day School Closed

**Fri. 1/2/2026** School Closed

**Tuesday. 1/6/2026** 100<sup>TH</sup> Day of School

**Mon. 1/19/2026** Martin Luther King Jr Day School Closed

