

# Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy

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## Otter



Welcome back to school.

I hope you had a wonderful time with your family. We truly missed your child. School is back in action. We are ready to teach your students more songs. They really like...

1. Itsy bitsy spider
2. There's a spider on my head.
3. ABC

We are working on more circle time and group activities with games that work on following directions, paying attention, and engaging in cooperative play.

– Sarah, Anita, and Marcella

## Salmon



Welcome back and happy 2017!! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. Our class has two birthdays this month—Osceola and Joleah are turning two! This month we will be focusing more on winter and the various animals that hibernate. We are also working on various Lushootseed words. Please check above our sign in/out binder to see what words we are working on. Our waddlers are getting so big and we just want to thank each family for being so supportive and dedicated to this program. Have a great new year!

– Jerryre and Alicia

Sheryl Fryberg, Director



## Jellyfish



Welcome to 2018! It is officially the New Year in the Jellyfish class and we are so excited to have everyone back from a fun Christmas break. This month will be based in winter themed learning. We will be working on New Year colors and characteristics of winter.

We have many new and challenging projects in store for your child's curiosity and learning. Please be sure your child has extra clothing (kept in the classroom) for snow/inclement weather during outdoor exploration.

– Sheila, Melissa, and Jasmine

## Orca



I hope everyone had a great winter break and had lots of quality family time. We have a birthday this month, happy birthday to (Princess) Tiana! We have more January announcements, this month we will be working on a winter theme, hot (warm) and cold. We will also be going outside on buggy rides so make sure that your child is dressed for the weather outside and has extra change of clothes (a just-in-case outfit).

– Kathy, Shala, and Anthony

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 1st**  
CLOSED Happy New Year
- **January 10th**  
Parent Education Café  
at 2:00 pm
- **January 15th**  
Martin Luther King Day CLOSED
- **January 17th**  
Parent Committee  
12:00 -1:00 pm
- **January 18th**  
Policy Council 12:00 -1:00 pm
- **January 19th**  
ALL STAFF MEETING  
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## Turtle



We would like to welcome everyone back and hope that you had a wonderful holiday vacation. This month our theme is “winter wonderland” and we have a lot of great activities planned for the children. We are hoping for snow since the children love to play with it. We will be going outside so please remember to bring all of the items they need. We would also like to wish Sunny and Treyson a very happy 2nd birthday. We are so happy to be back, we missed all of our children!

– **Sherry and Darla**

## Rabbit



Happy New Year families! We are so excited to welcome everyone back from break and into the new calendar year! Hope you all enjoyed your break and had a wonderful holiday, we can't wait to hear all about it!

This month we will discuss and learn about the New Year and our activities will surround hibernation, colors, and talk about teddy bears! With all our friends at age 3 now, we will be able to utilize the bigger, Preschool size playground equipment and begin another step in our transition over! This will help them developmentally in all areas. Specifically by expanding their large motor and physical skills as well as their social and emotional skills with the opportunity to interact with the older children.

### Reminders!

The Academy will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr day, January 15, 2018.

We will also be closed on Friday, January 19th for our quarterly staff meeting.

There will be “Families Moving Forward” parenting classes every Wednesday this month.

Please keep in mind the weather is still cold, be sure your child stays warm as we venture out with a heavy jacket, mittens/ gloves and a hat.

Keep an eye out for flyers, we'll send them out as the events get closer.

Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us! We look forward to a wonderful year! If you have any questions or concerns about their transition to the older playground, don't hesitate to ask!

–**Alondra, Caliee, and Toni Jo**

## Octopus



Hello families, it is great to have you back after our long winter break. We hope that everyone got to enjoy some time with their families. This month we are going to be focusing on self-help skills such as feeding ourselves with spoons and forks, serving our own food family style, and clearing our plates or bowls when we are done. We will also be continuing to practice washing our hands and brushing our teeth.

Some of the fun things we are going to do is go on nature walks and talk about the different things that we will see and we will also start going up to the monkey room for some large motor activities. (Please make sure you bring a warm coat and hat for your child so that they can stay warm on our adventures around the school.)

– **Jamie, Teresa, and Cheryl**

## Frog



Welcome back from the Frog Room!

Now that we are back from break, our theme for the month will be bringing in the New Year! We will be doing art projects, reading stories and singing songs and poems. Since it's still winter time we will also be exploring hot (warm) and cold, and still learn about the snow!

We have a couple closures this month. January 15th and 19th we will be closed.

Please remember that it is still cold outside so dress your kids accordingly to the weather, and to make sure your child has extra clothes. We look forward to the new year with our little frogs!

–**Jenn, Alix, and Kaitlyn**

## Beaver



Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday break! We are looking forward to a fun and exciting 2018 with new experiences!

This month we will learn about winter weather. We will explore winter clothing, ice, and talk about snow. In art we will explore collage materials as we create hats and mittens, we will also explore painting and glue together a snowman. We will read stories about winter weather as well as snow play.

Please remember to bring in warm coats as well as hats and mittens as we do go outside when it is cold. Also, please check your child's extra clothing to be sure that we have weather appropriate clothing that fits.

Happy New Year!

–**Fran, Leah, and Sam**

## Crab



Happy New Year from the Crab Room! We are so excited for the next part of our journey together. We will be working on getting back into a routine and moving forward. We will be, once again, transitioning to one nap a day. We will be introducing and continuing to practice using utensils at the table during mealtimes. We will also be introducing outdoor buggy walks. We will be learning about our surrounding environments as we take short walks on nice days. These walks will be scheduled for twice a week, weather permitting. Since it will be cold outside, please provide a winter coat, a hat, and mittens in order to keep your baby warm.

– Ms. Cindi, Ms. Stacy, and Ms. Selena

## Gray Whale



Welcome to the new year! We hope you had a great holiday break. We're excited for a new year with all of our infants. This month we will be doing a lot of gross motor/exercise activities so that we can work on being more mobile and crawling. We will also be doing a lot of fine motor and songs/rhyme activities.

**Here are some important dates to remember:**

Every Wednesday this month from 2:15 – 3:15 we will be doing an event called Families Moving Forward.

**January 15th** – Academy closed for MLK Jr. Day

**January 17th** – Parent Committee

**January 18th** – Policy Council

**January 19th** – Academy closed for all staff meeting

– Lakrista, Clarissa, and Jasmine Jack

## Starfish



We would like to welcome you back from winter break! We hope you all had a wonderful time spending time with your children and families. It is really hard to believe that it is already January and we are now into 2018! It has been amazing to see the growth of our classroom and we are looking forward to what the month has in store for us. This month we will be doing many different activities centered around our theme for the month which is Winter Wonderland. We do go outside daily so please remember to bundle up your children with warm coats; you can also bring hats or gloves. We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Daniel, George and Naomi, who all turn 3 this month! We are looking forward to a fun filled month!

– Elisa and Kara



## **COMMUNITY EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY:**

Early Childhood Developmental Services through a  
Federally Funded Community - Based Program  
Serving the Tulalip / Marysville School District

# **Early Head Start**

**Services provided for  
Pregnant Moms  
Children ages birth - 3**

### **We offer:**

- **Disabilities / Special Needs**
- **Center Based Learning**
- **Certified Educated Teachers with Early Learning Experience**
- **Small class sizes**
- **8 Children Per – Class with 2 Teachers**
- **Parent & Family Involvement**
- **Fun Family Events**
- **Parent Resources**
- **Parent Education Trainings**

