

ThumBelina
January 2026 Newsletter



Happy New Year to ALL !

As a reminder tuition payments are due the 1st of every month. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monday January 19th school is closed- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Highlights this month include learning about animals that hibernate, polar bears and penguins. Recognition of colors and basic shapes, listening skills and following directions are all developing skills. Children are now becoming more social with each other and language skills are quickly developing for most children.

Large Motor Skill Activities- in the winter months ThumBelina staff sets up a classroom with large motor activities. Some of these activities are foam shapes to climb on and tunnels to crawl through. Children will also use bean bags and balls to practice tossing and throwing. ThumBelina children that are in the red room with Mrs. Licini will have access to the school gym for large motor activities.



Music with Ms. Claudia will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children love when Ms. Claudia comes to ThumBelina to sing and dance with them.

Potty Training- if your child is in the training process, please update their teacher so they can work with your child while at school. The process needs to start at home first then teachers can continue at school. Some children are ready at this point and for some it might take longer. It is best to start the process over the weekend or over a holiday break.

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Notes

Registration for next school year (2026-2027)- registration information for current students will be sent home this month. Please remember our ThumBelina program accepts children that will be 18 months old by Sept. 1, 2026. Remember, no one is automatically re-registered.

Parent concerns- please communicate with Mrs. Cancro or Mrs. Cappello on all matters concerning your child. Their email is Tomthumbcampus@gmail.com or call the school office and ask to speak to them.

Winter clothing- please, NO SNOW PANTS OR BOOTS. We clean our parking lot very carefully. Please remember to label all your child's belongings.

School closings- Winter is here! If Lakeland School District closes due to the weather Tom Thumb/ThumBelina will also close.

School Delayed Openings & Early Dismissals- If Lakeland School district has a delayed opening, we will only delay 1 hour. If there is an early dismissal from school Tom Thumb/ThumBelina will also dismiss early and we expect you to pick your child up ASAP. Please have a plan in place for inclement weather.

Grandparents- Just a note to thank all the wonderful grandparents we have at Tom Thumb/ThumBelina. Whether you're driving the children, babysitting for them, spending time with them or paying their tuition, your influence on their lives is immeasurable. What would our children do without us?

Thank you for reading the entire newsletter!

Happy Winter

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