# Warren Woods Early Childhood Center

## December 2026

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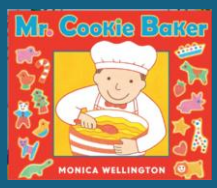
## DECEMBER BOOK CLUB

Sneezy the Snowman - Wright

Winter is Here - Henkes

Do Frogs Drink Hot Chocolate - Kaner






## *Social Emotional Corner*

Self-awareness and learning to identify and regulate feelings doesn't always come naturally. Our school social worker, Mrs. Ross shared a few ideas for you to do at home.

1. Emotion charades. Act out and emotion to see if your child can guess what it is.
2. Put the devices away and bring your mind to the present (play a game, color, complete an activity).
3. Let them try new skills and activities independently.




Now that Thanksgiving is over, we are well on the way to celebrating holiday traditions. Throughout the month of December, we try to keep our routine as much as we can with a few sprinkles of holiday cheer spread in there as well. If you celebrate traditions, aspart of another culture, please share them with your teacher. We're always eager to learn more too. Please remember that the entire building will be closed on 12/14 and 12/25 for Christmas, and 12/31 and 1/1 for New Years. GSRP and ECSE will be closed starting on 12/21-1/1. **Let me speak for the entire staff when I say we are beyond blessed that you chose our school to care for and grow with your child.**

Our fundraiser was a huge success. We raised almost $650 which can be used for classroom projects, new supplies and more. Congratulations to our top seller, Anthony, in Ms. Shelby's class! In mid-winter, we'll do our second and final fundraiser: Little Caesar's pizza kits, shipped directly to your home. Look for info in the coming weeks.




December 14-18: Spirit Week (Info to follow)

December 21-January 3: GSRP/ECSE closed for Holiday Break

Childcare will be closed on: Dec. 24, 25, 31, and Jan. 1. **Be sure to give Dena your schedule for those two weeks.**

January 6: Picture Retake Day from 9-10 A.M. only

## HEALTH REMINDERS

Children should not be present in school if they have had a fever within 24 hours (100 degrees+), if they have vomited or had diarrhea within 24 hours, or have lice or an unexplained rash. Any communicable diseases should be reported to the center as soon as possible. A doctor's note may be required for return.

## COOKING WITH KIDS

When cooking with children, always stay nearby.

### Banana Sushi

Ingredients
1 flour tortilla
1 banana
1-2 Tablespoons peanut butter, or alternative spread
1 small smear of Nutella or other hazelnut spread (optional)

Allow your child to spread the peanut butter across the entire tortilla. Add a thin line of Nutella near the center, going across. Peel the banana and rest on top of the Nutella. Wrap the tortilla as tightly as possible and then cut into round sushi-like pieces.

Try also: Favorite lunch meat, cheese and mayo/mustard
Pepperoni slices, mozzarella and pizza sauce
Turkey, provolone and cream cheese
It's always a hit to add favorite toppings like lettuce, olives, tomatoes, etc.

## NOTES

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

All childcare payments are due prior to service for the upcoming week.

**LABEL EVERYTHING**

Anything that comes to school with your child has a possibility of being misplaced. To prevent lost items, make sure to label all clothing bags, backpacks, coats, etc.

## THINGS TO DO

### Warren's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting
### Saturday, December 5th from 5 PM – 8 PM
### Warren City Square! 🎄

Free Ice Skating Beginning at 5PM, Parade - 5:30PM,
Free Photos with Santa Starting After the Parade - 6PM
Holiday Songs with Warren Civic Theatre
DRONE SHOW - 7:40 PM
Wagon Rides | Hot Chocolate | Ornament Giveaway
This event is open to all and FREE to attend!

## LEARNING AT HOME

**Talking to your child is the easiest and most important thing you can do for your child's language development. By talking, reading and singing, to your child regularly, it helps their language and vocabulary development as well as math, and social emotional skills. When you're around your young infants and toddlers, narrate what's happening while you're doing it.** *I'm making your dinner. Tonight we're having applesauce and chicken. I'll cut yours up for you.* **Older children should be encouraged to have multiple interaction-conversations with you. When you ask questions, try to ask something that requires more than one or two words, and expand on ideas.** *A: What should we have for dinner? C: Chicken nuggets. A: That sounds good. What do you like to eat with that? C: I want Ranch. I like salad too. I could put Ranch on both. A: Maybe I can find macaroni and cheese too. That's another one of your favorites.*