



**JANUARY
2025**

Clarksburg

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AM THEMES:

Move it Monday
Talk About it Tuesday
You Pick Wednesday
Show and Tell Thursday
Freeze Dance Friday



Dear KidsCo Families,
We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! KidsCo is thrilled to kick off this year with some exciting new clubs. Please note that we will be closed on January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

Day. However, we're looking forward to a fun-filled ALL-DAY program on January 29th when MCPS is closed for a Professional Day.

As the temperatures drop, we'd like to remind everyone to review our Emergency/Snow Closing Policies. KidsCo will operate from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM on snow days as long as MCPS Central Administrative Offices remain open. Before bringing your child to the center on snow days, please confirm our status by calling, checking our website, or visiting our social media pages. If necessary, we may delay opening to ensure the parking areas and sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice.

If the MCPS Central Administrative Offices are closed, KidsCo will also be closed, as we will not have access to the building. Our Main Office voicemail will provide snow closing updates, and we will send a mass email to families with valid email addresses. Additionally, we recommend tuning in to local news for updates on snow closures.

Thank you, and let's make this year amazing!

ANNOUCEMENTS:

KidsCo will be CLOSED on Wednesday, January 1st and Monday, January 20th

KidsCo is OPEN from 6:30am-6:30pm on Wednesday, January 29th at Little Bennett Elementary School (23930 Burdette Forest Road)

On Friday, January 24th we are having a DJ DANCE PARTY at Little Bennett Elementary! Transportation and dinner are provided. Pickup from Clarksburg ES at 9:00pm

Our basketball team will begin playing games this month. Check the calendar for date and location information. Good luck basketball team!

Community Resources:

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

1301 Picard Dr, Rockville, MD 20850 | (240) 777-0311

The Family Services

620 E Diamond Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 | (301) 840-3200

24-Hour Crisis Center

240-777-4000 | TTY: (301) 251-4850

Department of General Services








- Montgomery County

101 Monroe St, Rockville, MD 20850
(240) 777-6111

KIDSCO SNACK & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

January

*All snacks are served with fruit/vegetables and water/milk.

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		New Year's - No School - KidsCo Closed		
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MLK Jr. Day - No School - KidsCo Closed				Kids Night In - DJ Dance Party 6:00-9:00pm
27 	28 	29 	30 	31 
		Professional Day: No School KidsCo Open All Day!		

CLUBS:

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS

Basketball

Practice and prepare for games against other KidsCo locations from January-March

Artists in Training

Calling all young artists-to-be to create fun crafts and art pieces with Annabelle!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Dance

Continue rehearsing for our KidsCo Dance Competition in March!

Little Town

Create and design our own cardboard town, reminiscent of Town Week during Summer Camp!



BOOKS OF THE MONTH



Audience: K-2

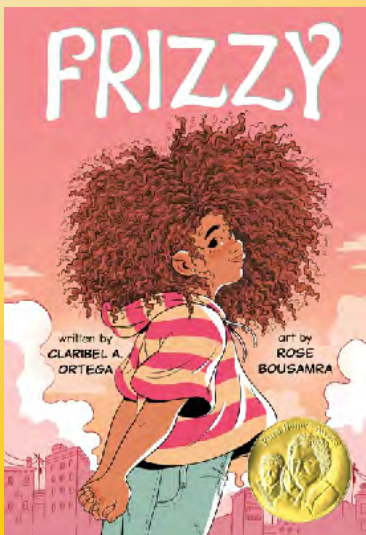
Description: When a little boy wakes up to see a blanket of snow covering the world outside, there's only one thing to do: make a snowman, and not just any snowman—he wants the best snowman ever. But when his perfectly packed and powdery dreams clash with cold, slushy reality, he realizes the best snowman ever may be out of reach... but he can make his best snowman yet.



Audience: 6+

Description: When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone—left behind in a town that has been mysteriously

evacuated and abandoned. With no one to rely on, no power, and no working phone lines or internet access, Maddie slowly learns to survive on her own. Her only companions are a Rottweiler named George and all the books she can read. After a rough start, Maddie learns to trust her own ingenuity and invents clever ways to survive in a place that has been deserted and forgotten. As months pass, she escapes natural disasters, looters, and wild animals. But Maddie's most formidable enemy is the crushing loneliness she faces every day. Can Maddie's stubborn will to survive carry her through the most frightening experience of her life?



Audience: 3-5

Description: Marlene loves three things: art, her cool tía Ruby and hanging out with her best friend, Camila. But according to her mother, Paola, the only things she needs to focus on are school and growing up. That means straightening her hair every weekend so she can have 'presentable,' 'good' hair. But Marlene hates being in the salon and doesn't understand why her curls are not considered pretty by those around her. With a few hiccups, a dash of embarrassment, and the much-needed help of Camila and Tía Ruby--she slowly starts a journey to learn to appreciate and proudly wear her curly hair.