



January
2026

Damascus Elementary
Center #: 240-449-6533
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FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Safety and accountability matter at KidsCo. If your child is participating in after school clubs, please send an email to your director and remind your child to check in at KidsCo before going to their after school club.

Also, if you need to schedule a drop in, please be sure to call our main office prior to your child attending.

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) 777-6191

State of Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program (SCCSP)
1-877-227-0125

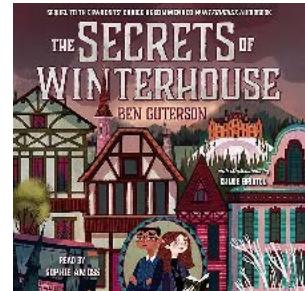
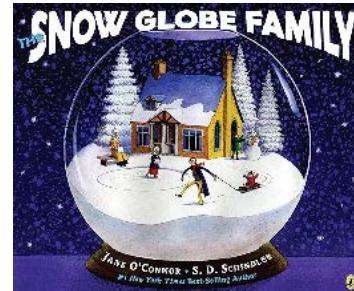
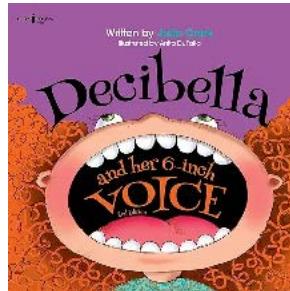


Dear KidsCo Families,

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 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. However, we're looking forward to a fun-filled ALL-DAY program on January 26th 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!

BOOKS OF THE MONTH



Audience: K-1
Title: Decibella and Her 6-inch Voice
Author: Julia Cook

Audience: 2-3
Title: The Snow Globe Family
Author: Jane O'Connor

Audience: 4-5
Title: The Secrets of Winterhouse
Author: Ben Guterson

CLUBS:

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS

Lego Challenges with Maddie

As teams or individuals we will be building everything from shapes to robots to towers. I am excited to see how creative they can become with the legos!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Mini Challenges with Abraham

Abraham has all sorts of challenges and games set up to bring out a little competitiveness and critical thinking.

AM THEMES:

MONDAY Move It	TUESDAY Trivia	WEDNESDAY Would you Rather	THURSDAY Throw it	FRIDAY Fuse beads
We will play games that get us moving and our heart pumping. Our current favorite is freeze tag and zap tag!	Staff trivia, Disney trivia, or random facts. We will kick start our brain before going to school	The kids will vote on 2 different options for what our morning will entail.	Before going to school we will play group games that involve gross motor skills like throwing or kicking balls (Dodgeball, silent speed ball)	We will pull out our beads stencils and iron and create amazing designs

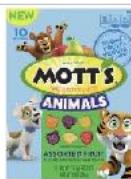
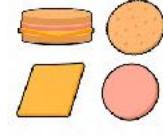
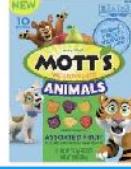
PARENT GAME OR ACTIVITY

Parent Game- Guess how many inches of snow we will get in the month of January. Guesses due by January 9th

**No School or KidsCo Monday Jan 19 for MLK day
All day 6:30-6:30 Monday Jan 26 @ Rockwell**

KIDSCO SNACK & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JANUARY				
			 1	 2
			KidsCo Closed	Winter Break: No School - KidsCo Open (modified hours: 8am-5:30pm) **limited locations
 5	 6	 7	 8	 9
Club Activities Lego house building	Club Activities Build a fort challenge	Club Activities Lego robot building	Club Activities Mystery box challenge	Fun Friday Activity Shaving cream charades
 12	 13	 14	 15	 16
Club Activities Lego car building	Club Activities Freeze Dance	Club Activities Lego 3D shape building	Club Activities Story telling circle	Fun Friday Activity Volleyball Gym Game
 19	 20	 21	 22	 23
MLK Jr. Day: No School - KidsCo CLOSED	Club Activities Building challenge	Club Activities Lego animal building	Club Activities Puzzle challenge	Fun Friday Activity Face painting
 26	 27	 28	 29	 30
Professional Day: No School - KidsCo OPEN ALL DAY	Club Activities Blind obstacle course	Club Activities Lego team tower contest	Club Activities Minute to win it staff v. Kids	Fun Friday Activity BINGO