

# Aitkin Children's Center

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Aitkin Children's Center  
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## Thank You!!

Thank you to those families who donated toys to Operation Christmas. The Children's Center collected approximately 16 toys for families in need this holiday season. Your generous donations will help families in the Aitkin area!

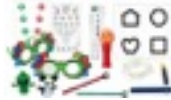


## Parent Advisory Council Corner:

The Aitkin Children's Center has a parent advisory council that meets monthly. This council is comprised of center staff, parents, a school board representative, and other community members. The council exists to provide feedback to enhance and improve programming at the Center. Everyone is welcome! **The next meeting is January 9th at 5:15 pm.** Free childcare will be provided.

## Early Childhood Screening:

The Aitkin Children's Center in partnership with Head Start and Aitkin County Public Health will hold the second of two Early Childhood Screenings on **Wednesday, January 24th from 12:00 - 6:30 pm.** Screening at 3 is preferred, but a child may be screened between the ages of 3 and the start of kindergarten as required by law. Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning. Call 927-7735 to make your appointment today. This will be the last screening offered this school year.

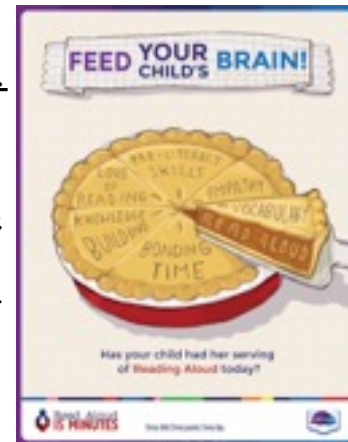


## Read Aloud 15

### Minutes Every Child.

### Every Parent. Every

Day. By now, parents should have received the new winter reading log. You are your child's first and most important teacher. READ! READ! READ!



## The Earlier The Better...

Early childhood education has a positive impact on a child's academic and social success in kindergarten and early elementary grades. Staff understand that the cost of transporting a child to and from preschool can take a toll on a family. As a result, gas cards are available for families through a program called "The Earlier The Better." Participating families will need to obtain attendance verification from the Children's Center which they take to St. James, a local church, to exchange for gas cards. Please see Amanda Ashton to learn more about this program.



## 4 WEEK CLASS: SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SKILLS: From Feelings to Friendships

Consider enrolling in this four week class that focuses on children's social emotional development. Topics will include: emotional literacy, controlling strong emotions, and strategies to address challenging behaviors. Classes are scheduled Tuesday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 pm beginning January 9th. The class is free and also includes childcare and supper! Call 927-7735 to register today! Space is limited so register now to reserve your spot!

