

From the Program Director

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Landing!

It is crazy to think we are winding up 2019 and getting ready to usher in 2020! We have had a full year here and cannot wait to see what next year brings.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out this year with donations of time, money, recycling cans and bottles, school supplies, volunteer hours, food and clothing, cooking, and all the other things that keep this center open to help our community. You truly make a difference and we could not do what we do without you.

Our preschoolers are busy learning all their letters, numbers, colors, shapes, and birthdays. Singing new songs seems to be a favorite for many of the students. Parents send us pictures and videos from home to show us all the wonderful songs, pledge of allegiance, and writings that they practice at home. Our teacher, Loretta Ellis, and preschool aide, Stacy Jones, do an amazing job keeping twenty-three 3 and 4 years olds on track. And of course, we are so thankful for our volunteer cook, Lisa Retherford. She works hard, while juggling her baby grandson Jensen, to put out a pretty awesome lunch for the children.

We would like to give a very special thanks to the Ben B. Cheney Foundation for the recent grant award of \$14,000 to complete our heating and air conditioner and emergency egress lighting capitol project. This project is needed to be able to be up to current code for Jackson County. Our building is about 25 years old and has needed a few upgrades. We are so thankful to the Ben B. Cheney Foundation for their help to make this happen. Nathan Perry Heating and Air and Infinity Electrical Contractors, Inc. Will be partnering with us to complete this project. We are actively looking for board members. If you are interested in serving on the board of directors, please come to a meeting to meet with the current board and see how we do things. We meet every third Wednesday at the Landing in the evenings.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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