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## Tots and Tales Rebuilds After Catastrophic Water Damage

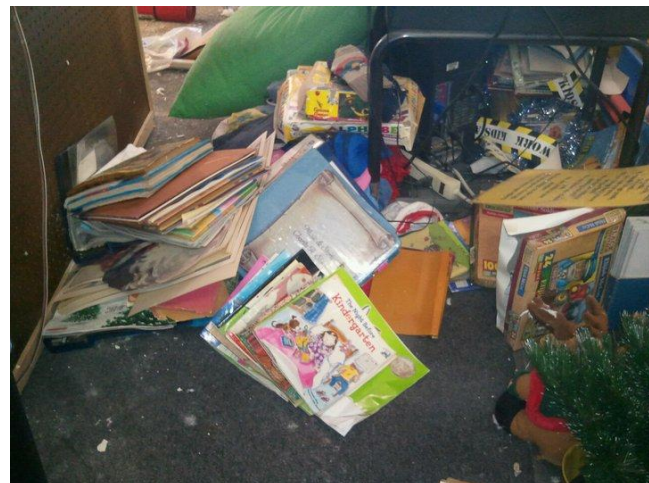
**Kansas City, Kansas** – The bright, cheerful classrooms at Tots and Tales Montessori School in Kansas City, Kansas, were left in shambles after a pipe cracked over New Year's weekend, flooding the entire first level and most of the second level.

The broken pipe, which was part of the sprinkler system, leaked potentially several days over the weekend. Books, toys, supplies, dry wall, carpet, computer equipment, and some bookshelves, tables, and ceiling tiles were destroyed.

Tots and Tales, which is licensed for 167 children, has been temporarily operating out of Living Water United Methodist Church.

The school is in the process of restoring the building. They are working to repair damage, gather new supplies, and prepare to move back in.

"For our teachers and staff this has been difficult," said Kathryn Efinger, Child Care Administrator. "Some of them have worked for 15-30 years at Tots and Tales.



They had many personal memories at the school and to see it torn up and destroyed was hard."

Efinger said it is painful to see special treasures that children made for teachers lost, as well as the current work of the children. However, the staff worked hard to salvage whatever they could. They are dedicated to meeting the needs of their families, and they plan to continue to teach during the day and move back into the building during evenings and weekends.

If you or a group would like to donate money to be used for replacing what was destroyed, please do so online at Tots and Tales' web site: <http://www.tficcc.org/tots-n->



[tales/index.aspx](#). If you are interested in volunteering your time or services to help the school move back into their location, or if you would like to learn the specific needs, please call 913-334-4570. The staff at Tots and Tales are so very grateful to the community for their support!

**ABOUT TFI Community Child Care, Inc.** – Tots and Tales is part of TFI Community Child Care, Inc. TFI Community Child Care, Inc. nurtures children to reach their fullest potential through early education and mentoring. Tots and Tales serves Wyandotte, Johnson, Leavenworth and Platte counties. To learn more, visit our web site at [www.tficcc.org](http://www.tficcc.org).

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