



January Newsletter

Infant One

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. We are starting off the new year with a few changes to our room. We welcome two new friends this month. We are excited to get to know Ari and Eleanor and their families. Justin will turn one...Happy Birthday!

We would like to thank all the parents for all the nice gifts and donations. We're looking into purchasing new toys for the classroom.

Infant Two

It's a new year and we hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. We want to welcome Paige to our room – she is Preston's sister. We would also like to welcome Ayla and Brayden to our classroom. We are looking forward to getting to know all of our new friends.

We are going to be working on a winter wonderland in our room. We have already made melted snowmen and penguins. When we get snow, we will bring some in to play with.

We will be celebrating Miss Tina and Ellie's birthdays this month.

Younger Toddlers

Happy New Year to all!

Hoping you all had a safe and joyous holiday. Winter has arrived. We will be exploring all things winter and bring snow in our sensory table. We will make snowmen and snowflakes. We also are going to learn about arctic animals. We'll make polar bears and penguins as our art projects.

Younger Toddlers are doing well on using utensils and continue to practice using table manners. We are also learning how to share toys and how to take turns.

They love to sing, dance, and play instruments. Their favorite song is “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt.”

Older Toddlers

First off, we'd like to thank all of our awesome parents for the amazing cards and gifts that we received this Christmas season. I hope everyone had an amazing New Year and you are ready for the next adventures to come in 2017. This month, we will talk about the beginning of a new year. The focus will be on winter fun and other cold, snowy things that we love. Also, we will talk a little about some animals that love cold weather and others that hibernate. We will get to explore snow, ice, and the season of winter in many ways. This includes having some scented sensory fun and many creative art projects, including making mittens, hats and gloves to help us talk about ways to dress appropriately and be prepared for the cold weather. Some of the literature we will look at this month includes “Mouse's First Snow,” and, our classroom favorite, “Frosty the Snowman.” We will be doing some fun science; watching how snow reacts to different temperatures by putting it in a freezer and letting it sit in the classroom. We will talk about what's happening to it and why. We'll also talk about some things that we can do for fun outdoors when it's cold outside, like sledding, ice skating, and more. Thank you again for your continued support to make our classroom amazing. Please stop in and see all the amazing art projects that we have displayed on our walls as the month goes on. In hopes that the weather does warm up enough for us to go outside, please be sure your child has weather appropriate clothing so that we can all participate in the fun. See you next month, stay cozy.

Preschool

It's already January and the Preschoolers can't believe another year has passed! December was a busy month and the children enjoyed making crafts and holiday gifts for their families.

Also, in December, we welcomed our friend Makenzie who joined our classroom from Older Toddler group.

This month, we will continue to work on alphabet letters, shapes, colors, and numbers, as well as arts and crafts. So expect to see homework coming home to help reinforce the concepts we are working on.

This month, we will be focusing on the following topics:

January 3-6 – Winter Wonderland, letter J

January 9-13 – Winter Animals, letter K

January 16-20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, letter L

January 23-27 – Quilts, letter M

January 30-February 3 – Quilts, letter N

We will be using various materials to explore the letters everyday in classroom and on our walks (weather permitting). We will have activities related to each topic as well. Please feel free to send in items that pertain to the topics.

Please check your child's folder daily for important information as well as art projects. Please be sure your child has a change of clothes and winter coat, hat, scarf, boots and gloves, as we go outside (weather permitting).

Pre-K

Winter is here and we will be starting our winter study. We will be trying to go out when we can to make some winter observations. Winter will also be enjoyed with some snow sensory play and science experiments.

Our January themes will be teeth, pets, homes, and farm animals. We will meet Ms. T (Tall Teeth), Mr. G (Gooney Gum), Ms. S (Super Socks), and Mr. R (Rainbow Ribbons). We will take a brief look at Martin Luther King Jr. also.

Dramatic play will be turning into a diner. As a class, we will talk about what we need and the different roles that you need or would see in a diner.

Lastly, our sensory bin is construction trucks and sand. The love of vehicles is currently very strong.

Office

Please be sure that your child has at least two complete changes of weather appropriate clothing. Also, please be sure that your child has a coat, boots, hats, gloves, and a scarf so they can go outside – weather permitting.

If you have items you would like to donate to the center, such as clothing (especially pants and underwear), toys, puzzles, books, etc., that would be greatly appreciated. Pre-K would like a T.V. if anyone has one they no longer need so they can watch educational programs in the classroom.

We will be setting up meetings with all of the parents to review your child's individual assessment. We would prefer to have these meetings between the hours of 12:30 and 2:30, but accommodations can be made if those times do not work for you in morning or evening. Please plan for the meeting to last about 20 minutes and please give some thought to areas that are strengths for your child, as well as areas that are more difficult for your child. Please talk to your child's lead teacher to set up a meeting as soon as possible.

Please be sure to secure your valuables when dropping off and picking up your child and be aware of your surroundings as the daylight hours are becoming shorter. Please **do not** leave your child/children in the car unattended, leave your car running, and/or leave your door unlocked.

We will be having a **PARENT MEETING** on February 16, 2017 at 6:15. The meeting will be held at 16200 Delaware. Childcare and refreshments will be provided. We will have a guest speaker from Lakewood City Schools to discuss kindergarten readiness. Please plan to attend and bring any questions, concerns, or suggestions that you may have.

We hope that everyone had a great New Year with their family. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Popcorn Day	20 Penguin Day – wear black and white, make penguin crafts, Oreo snack	21
22	23	24	25 Pajama Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 Backward Day				