



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday break and are ready to jump into the second half of our school year.

December was a busy month of Christmas themed activities. Your children spent time talking about different Christmas traditions, singing holiday songs, and creating a variety of unique art work. They especially enjoyed baking gingerbread people, decorating our class Christmas tree, and ringing jingle bells during our circle times.

January brings colder weather, possibly snow☺, and the return to “normal” routine. We will be reviewing our classroom schedule, and reminding your children at school to be kind, to be safe, and to be a team player. Thank you all for reinforcing these goals at home and sending your children to school ready to learn and have fun! We will be focusing on the changes in the season, learning about animals in winter time, exploring opposites, and then ending our month digging for dinosaurs. Your children will also be encouraged to begin (or for some continue) to write their own first names, practice their color, shape, and number recognition.

January’s themes:

~ Jan. 3 & 5 – “Let It Snow!” - On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> please wear something white.

~ Jan. 10 & 12 – Hot & Cold – On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> please bring a picture (magazine, book, etc.) of something hot and something cold.

~ Jan. 17 & 19 – Animals In Winter – Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> is penguin day. Please wear black and white. On the 19<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy a presentation from Sallie Gregory from the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District. She will be sharing all about animals and hibernation.

~ Jan. 24 & 26 – Day and Night – On the 28<sup>th</sup> send your children dressed in their PJs! Please make sure they are bathroom break friendly and shoes and socks still must be worn to school. No slippers please.

~Jan. 31 & Feb. 2 – Digging for Dinosaurs – Triceratops, Brontosaurus and the ever popular T-Rex! This week will help us keep warm as we enter into the long days of winter. We will be using our fine and gross motor skills as we go back in time to walk with the dinosaurs.

Thank you for helping your child dress and find things appropriate to share that enhance our themes. It adds a great deal of learning to our circle times and of course adds a lot of fun!

Just a reminder that in times of inclement weather, we follow the Elizabethtown Area School District (EASD) policy. Please listen to your radio or televisions for closings and delays. All snow days will be made up. If EASD is closed there will be no classes and if there is a delay our hours will change to 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. If EASD chooses to remain open and we decide to close, you will be notified through your Student Announce account.

Happy January!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Worman

Mrs. Dearborn

