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January 2021 News from the Office...

Happy
New Year!

Happy New Year! I hope the new year finds everyone healthy and happy! And most importantly, 2020 is OVER! Goodbye to that debacle! We managed to make the most of our December, with our virtual Christmas program and our Christmas party, we were incredibly busy getting into the spirit of things. The kids worked so hard this year, and despite the fact we couldn't perform for you in person, I still feel like it was a good way to end a bad year.

A super big congratulations to Diem's family on the birth of her baby brother, Beck, who was born on December 4th. We can't wait to meet you sir!!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to Hannah's Socks this year, your generosity never ceases to amaze me.

Getting into the new year now, just want to give everyone a reminder about inclement weather days. The center will only close if it is a level 3 snow emergency in Lucas County. The children will not go outside if the temperature is 25 degrees or less or the wind chill makes it seem that cold. If the temperature is warmer than that, the children will make an effort to go outside, so make sure your child has all the necessary clothing to do so (boots, jackets, snow pants, gloves or mittens, hats, scarves etc.).

January Themes

Arctic Animals
Resolutions
Special Abilities
Snow
Winter
Hibernation

January Birthdays

Maddox A.	1
Nora Grace H.	5
Charlotte W.	5



Miss Cheryl & Miss Tina — Infant Room News

Happy New Year!

This month are themes are going to be arctic animals, snowmen and winter.

Our babies are growing so fast this month Brinley has started rolling over and enjoys playing with small toys. Gatlynn has started enjoying all our school meals she is really loving them. And Mr. Kayd has started taking a few steps it won't be long and he will be walking everywhere.

Our lovable Brayden is going to be our student of the month. We can not wait to see all the pictures he will bring in to share with us. Mr. Maddox will be celebrating his 1st birthday this month he is getting so big.

Lastly we would like to thank all our wonderful parents for our Christmas gifts you guys are the best.

Have a great month!



Miss Lexi —Toddler I News

Hello 2021! Let's hope this year is less crazy than last! To start the new year off, our Student of the Month will be Ethan B. I have Seen so much growth in him over the past few months. He is talking so much more and is quite the good helper!

This month we will be focusing on Snow, Winter, and the Arctic. You can look forward to Polar Bears, snowmen, and icicles this month.

Some important days to note this month are the 4th, we will be talking about Martin Luther King Jr. Day, on the 15th, the kiddos should wear their PJ's for our annual school Pajama Day and wear something white that day too, which is our color of the month that we will be discussing!

As always, I look forward to seeing what all the kids will learn this month, and I can't wait to start this year off right!

Goodbye 2020!! Hello 2021! Lets hope that this will be a better year. For the month of January, we will be focusing on the New Year with fun art/craft activities to welcome it in. A big project this month is going to be our hibernation week. We are going to learn about who hibernates and how, and compare hibernation to migration—who hides and who travels to warmer places. I know I would like to travel to warmer places! :) During our hibernation week, we are going to travel to Canada to learn about Canadian Geese. It will be interesting to learn all about these birds. Just a reminder, my favorite day is coming up on the 15th, PAJAMA DAY! The students may bring slippers and robes to stay cozy that day too, as we will not be going outside.



Congrats to Jet, who will be our January student of the month. He is doing so well coming out of his shell. He is even starting to quietly spell his name all on his own! Good Job Buddy! I would also like to congratulate Diem on becoming a big sister to her baby brother, Beck. I know she will be a great big sister!

Miss JAMEE— PRESCHOOL I

HAPPY NEW YEAR! THERE IS NO WAY THAT 2021 CAN BE EVEN HALF AS BIZARRE AS 2020, SO I AM READY FOR IT!

IN THE NEW YEAR, WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON NEW GOALS! FOR JANUARY, WE ARE GOING TO BE LASER FOCUSED ON ENHANCING OUR EARLY WRITING SKILLS AND WRITING OUR NAMES. SOME KIDS CAN ALREADY DO THIS OR ARE MAKING GREAT STRIDES WITH MEETING THIS LITERARY GOAL ALREADY. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK PENNY, LAINY, AND GAVIN. THE KIDS HAVE BEEN SPELLING AS WELL AS SIGNING THEIR NAMES EVERYDAY WITH AMAZING SUCCESS, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO WRITING THEM EVERYDAY. WE WILL CHANGE OUR CIRCLE TIME ROUTINE JUST A BIT, TO MAKE ROOM FOR THIS TO BE DONE EVERY MORNING AFTER JUMPS.

WE ARE STILL WORKING ON OUR SOCIAL EMOTIONAL GOAL MANAGING OUR OWN NEEDS AND DOING THINGS INDEPENDENTLY, SUCH AS BATHROOM NEEDS AND PUTTING ON OUR OWN SHOES, COATS, ETC. I AM VERY HAPPY TO SEE EVERYONE DOING SO MUCH BETTER WITH THIS AS WELL.

I AM ALSO GOING TO IMPLEMENT MORE FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE OUR SKILLS IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE BEEN DOING MORE CUTTING AND PRACTICING HOLDING WRITING UTENSILS DURING JOURNAL TIME, WE WILL BE CONTINUING THIS ALL MONTH. I'D LIKE TO SEND HOME CUTTING AND PASTING SHEETS TO HELP KIDS WORK THIS AT HOME AS WELL.

THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS JAM-PACKED WITH AWESOME LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND THEMES. WE WILL ENTER OUR WINTER THEME RIGHT AWAY. THE KIDS WILL EXPERIENCE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS COUNTING MITTENS, WORKING ON PATTERNS AND MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS BY COUNTING SNOWBALLS AT THE SENSORY TABLE, AND MATCHING CARDS. WEATHER PERMITTING, WE WILL HAVE FUN PAINTING THE SNOW, AND BUILDING SNOWMAN OUTDOORS. INSIDE, WE WILL TRANSFORM OUR SCIENCE CENTER INTO A FAUX SNOW AREA. ALLOWING THE KIDS TO MOLD WHITE CLAY AND USE THEIR IMAGINATION TO BUILD IGLOOS AND SNOWMAN USING BUTTONS, BRANCHES, AND FELT HAT AND SCARVES. WE HAVE TWO STEM SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS THIS MONTH THAT WILL FOSTER THE KIDS INQUIRY ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND THEM. WE WILL TRY ICE FISHING IN A GLASS AND WE WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT FROST IN A VERY COOL CAN EXPERIMENT!

WE WILL ALSO COVER A MYRIAD OF ARCTIC ANIMALS SUCH AS PENGUINS, SNOWY OWLS, WALRUSES, POLAR BEARS AND MORE. THE KIDS WILL HAVE FUN WITH PENGUIN RACES, PLAYING WITH THESE ANIMALS WITH ICE BLOCKS, AND LEARNING ABOUT HOW THEY EAT AND SURVIVE IN ARCTIC TEMPERATURES. FROM MAKING POLAR BEAR MASKS AND STRING WALRUSES TO OUR VERY OWN ARCTIC SLIME, WE WILL HAVE OUR HANDS FULL WITH THIS THEME.

WHILE WE DISCUSS HIBERNATION I AM EXCITED TO TRANSFORM THE DRAMATIC PLAY AREA INTO A BEAR'S DEN. THE KIDDOS ALWAYS ENJOYING TUCKING ANIMALS INTO BED AND LEARNING ABOUT HOW DIFFERENT ANIMALS HIBERNATE FOR THE WINTER. WE WILL EXPLORE DIFFERENT BOOKS THAT HELP UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT ANIMALS AND THEIR METHODS OF HIBERNATION. WE CAN PRETEND TO BE ANIMALS AND "HIDE" OUTSIDE FOR THE WINTER. THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO. AS ALWAYS, LOOK FORWARD TO THE PARENT-GUIDED QUESTIONS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE YOUR KIDS TO SHARE ALL THE COOL THINGS THAT THEY ARE LEARNING REGARDING THESE FUN THEMES!

THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH IS LEONA T-G. LEONA IS DOING SO GREAT IN THE PRESCHOOL ROOM. SHE IS VERY SMART AND IS MAKING GREAT STRIDES IN POTTY-TRAINING AND CAN SPELL HER NAME AS WELL AS SIGN IT. LEONA LOVES PLAYING WITH HER FRIENDS AND OUTSIDE TIME. WE ARE ALL EXCITED TO HAVE LEONA IN OUR CLASS. KEEP BEING YOU, LEONA!



Miss Brittany— Preschool II



Happy New Year! Hopefully 2021 will be better for all of us. To start the new year, I'm excited to announce that London will be our student of the month for January. London is very helpful and sweet to her classmates. She enjoys playing in the Dramatic Play center and talking about Ghostbusters. She is a pleasure to have in class and I can't wait to get to know her more.

This month we will be learning about winter, Arctic animals, Martin Luther King Jr. and our country of the month, which is Canada. We will continue to working on spelling our first and last names, as well as pre-writing skills. Self-regulation and problem solving skills are some of the other things that we will continue working on in the new year. During our discussions about these topics, we will talk about green choices (good) and red choices (bad) and how they can affect us and the people around us. I am excited to see what this year has in store for us and watch my students grow and develop!

Miss Sarah—Pre K I News

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! IT'S GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE BACK FROM THE HOLIDAYS WITH SMILES ON THEIR FACES! I HOPE THAT EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY AND A REFRESHING BREAK. I KNOW THAT I ENJOYED MY TIME OFF, SPENT WITH FAMILY. NOW THAT THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER, AND WE ARE GOING BACK TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING, WE HAVE A LOT OF LEARNING TO DO. MANY ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED FOR THE NEW YEAR AND NEW MONTH PERTAINING TO WINTER AND ARCTIC ANIMALS. DURING THIS LEARNING THEME THE CHILDREN WILL EXPLORE WHAT SNOW IS AND HOW ARCTIC ANIMALS, SUCH AS POLAR BEARS, PENGUINS, AND WALRUS'S KEEP WARM IN THEIR COLD ENVIRONMENT. HIBERNATION WILL ALSO BE ONE OF OUR FOCUSES IN JANUARY, IN WHICH WE WILL HAVE HANDS ON ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE THIS CONCEPT. THE LETTERS OF THE MONTH ARE Ff & Ll, THE NUMBERS OF THE MONTH ARE 5 & 12. THE COUNTRY THAT WE WILL BE STUDYING IN JANUARY IS CANADA. OUR WEEKLY THEMES FOR JANUARY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

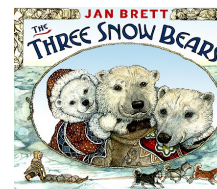
JAN 4-8 WINTER

JAN 11-15 CANADA/WINTER

JAN 18-22 HIBERNATION

JAN 25-29: ARCTIC ANIMALS

THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY IN OUR CLASS IS KAEEL MCCARTHY. HE LOVES TO BUILD THINGS WITH THE LEGOS AND MAGNETILES. ENJOYS PLAYING OUTSIDE, AND IS A GREAT STORYTELLER—WITH GREAT DETAIL!



Miss Elaine's Pre K News

HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME TO JANUARY 2021. AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR IN THE PRE-K ROOM, LET US REFLECT BACK ON ALL OF THE FUN LEARNING ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN 2020. NOW THAT 2021 IS HERE, THE BEST IS YET TO COME AND THE FUTURE IS JUST OUT THERE WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED. WE HOPE THIS YEAR IS FULL OF MANY NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR YOUR CHILD!

THIS MONTH WE WILL FOCUS ON THE THEME OF WINTER. WE WILL USE OUR SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY SKILLS TO FIND OUT HOW SNOWFLAKES ARE FORMED FROM WATER VAPOR, TO AN ICE CRYSTAL, TO A SNOW CRYSTAL, THEN TO SNOWFLAKES. WE WILL ALSO LEARN AND EXPERIMENT TO SEE IF BIG OR SMALL SNOWFLAKES MAKE THE BEST SNOWMEN. WE COULD REALLY USE SOME SNOW FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

WE WILL USE OUR MATH SKILLS TO FIND OUT WHAT SHAPES AND SIZES THAT SNOWFLAKES CAN BE, ALONG WITH HOW MANY SIDES THERE ARE IN EACH SNOWFLAKE. WE WILL ALSO READ WINTER THEMED BOOKS IN THE READING CENTER SUCH AS, "SNOWMEN AT NIGHT", AND "SNEEZY THE SNOWMAN", AND OUR AUTHOR OF THE MONTH -JAN BRETT'S BOOKS "THE MITTEN" AND "THE HAT". FOR ART AND MOVEMENT DISCOVERY, WE WILL EXPLORE WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE MIX ICE CUBES WITH PAINT FOR AN INTERESTING ART PROJECT. OUR SNOWBALL TOSS GAME WILL HELP THE STUDENTS WORK ON THEIR GROSS MOTOR SKILLS.

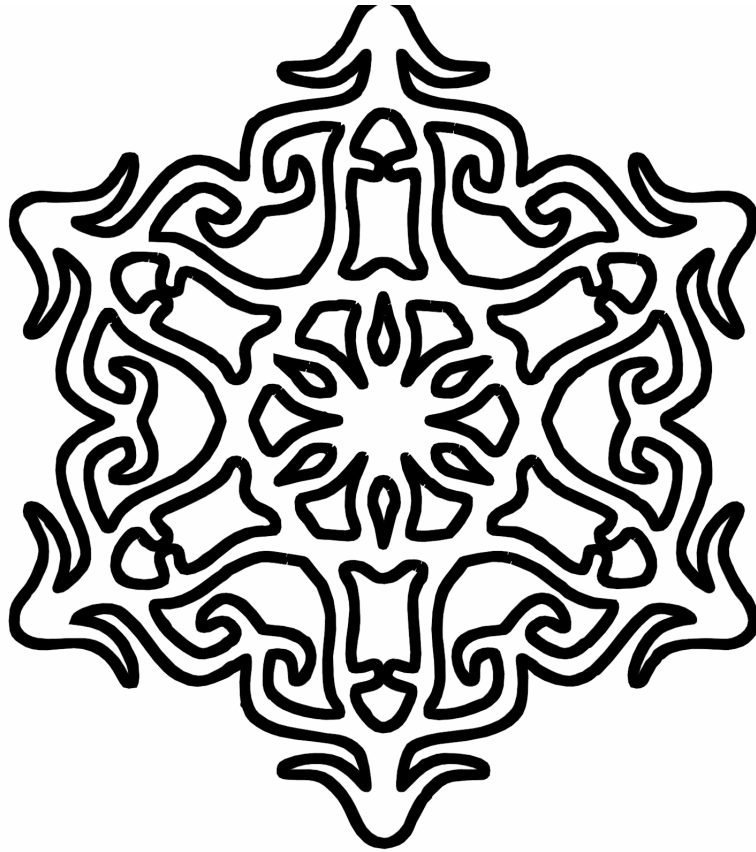
THE ARTIST OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY IS JACKSON POLLOCK, HIS PAINTING TECHNIQUE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT. HE CREATED "ACTION PAINTING", WHICH INCLUDES THROWING AND SPATTERING PAINT FROM LARGE PAINT BRUSHES ONTO PAPER. THIS COULD GET A BIT MESSY, BUT OH, SO FUN!

I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT MOST OF THE CHILDREN IN MY PRE-K CLASS CAN SPELL THEIR FIRST VERBALLY AND RECOGNIZE THEIR NAME IN PRINT, AND SOME OF THE CHILDREN CAN SPELL AND RECOGNIZE THEIR LAST NAMES ALSO! ALL OF THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD ON THEIR HANDWRITING SKILLS WITH WRITING THEIR NAMES, ALPHABET LETTERS, AND NUMBERS. WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING ON THESE SKILLS ALONG WITH COUNTING, PATTERNING, RHYMING, AND OPPOSITES—WHICH ARE SOME OF THE THING THAT WILL HELP THE KIDDOS PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN. REGISTRATION IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO CHARLOTTE AND NORA GRACE, WHO WILL BE 5 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH. THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE CHARLOTTE WAGNER! CHARLI IS A GREAT FRIEND TO THE OTHER CHILDREN AND LOVES TO GIGGLE!



HAPPY NEW YEAR! - MISS ELAINE



SNOWFLAKE

January Points of Focus

Letters of the Month: F & L

Colors: White

Shape: Octagon

Country: Canada

Artist: Jackson Pollock

Numbers: 5 & 12

Author: Jan Brett

