

Kindergarten Newsletter January 2021



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Happy New Year!

We will keep busy this month discovering how animals live during winter in our climate and farther north (in the Arctic). We will try our hand at making some stone soup, discover the shape of snowflakes, experiment with our senses and bring in the new year with oodles of fun.

Our **alphabet** study continues with the remaining lowercase letters. We practice tracing the letters then we write them properly on our own. We also try to



identify words that begin with the letter sound. The latter activity still proves difficult for some children and may be an area you can reinforce with your child as

you go about your daily activities. If your child struggles in this area you can begin by asking her to think of things around her that begin with the letter sound we are covering in class, the “S” sound, for instance. She may connect the word *seat*, *smile* or *snow* to the sound. This takes practice! Once a connection between a letter and the sound it makes has been made your child has made an important breakthrough on their path to reading. Remember to keep it fun!

This month we are scheduling parent teacher **conferences**. School will be closed for two days. Our conferences are being held on **Tuesday, January 19**. Fifteen minute slots will be available on the sign-up sent to you via email. You will receive a pre-conference form to fill out and return to school as soon as possible so we can prepare for our conversation.

Thanks for your generosity throughout the year to supply extra materials and wish list items for the school and classroom. The children have also enjoyed playing with *dough* every month. When you send in a new batch we’ll send home the previous month’s color. January’s play dough color is **royal blue**.

Dates to Remember

January 11: Please return conference forms by this date
January 15: Scholastic Book Orders due (online only)
January 18 and 19: School Closed
January 19: Parent Conferences
January 29: Stone Soup (sign-up emailed soon)

Sight Words: Set 4

but, can, your, were, what, there, an, when, all, we



Coming in February

February 1: Pajama Day

We're having fun in Kindergarten!