



Classroom Times



Mrs. G. and Miss Lisa's 3s, MWF/TTh January, 2021

Oh, the things we have done...

Happy New Year! Hope your holiday break was full of fun and included some time to relax. We are looking forward to a great new year full of fun, learning, kindness, and love. The children continue to make strides in class academically, socially, and behaviorally. Thank you all for your participation with the North Pole Ninjas! The students were so proud when we read out their kind deeds and put them in the pot. It was a great jumping off point for our discussions on how good it feels to do good and give to others. Treats from Sensei was a great surprise! We look forward to January, new experiences, and maybe some snow!!!!

Reinforce their learning...

As we all know, a child's education is a partnership between the school and the home. Some suggestions to reinforce what is going on in the classroom are:

- Continue to use "crab pinch your pencil" to remind your child how to hold a pencil. Continue to develop fine motor skills and hand strengthening with activities such as playing with PlayDoh, Lego/blocks, tearing paper, using spray bottles.
- Each age has a set of age-appropriate chores. We all know having a child complete chores facilitates confidence, independence, and responsibility. The difficult part is not following behind and fixing what they have done! (At least for me!) Start small, have it not turn into a power struggle, but an expectation of being part of the household. Examples of age-appropriate chores:
 - Clear/set table
 - Empty silverware from dishwasher
 - Take laundry to laundry room, sort, match, & fold socks
 - Straighten room
 - Get the mail

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- January 4th and 5th - Pre-conference forms to be handed out, to be returned by the 11th and 12th
 - January 18th - No school due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
 - January 19th - No school due to parent/teacher conferences.A sign-up email will be sent out soon.
- February will begin open enrollment for all current TCNSK families for the upcoming 2021/2022 school year. Our 4s programs are exceptional.

Things We are Learning this Month

Letters, Sounds, and Words of K, L, M,

Numbers, Opposites, Same/Different, Shapes

Move of the Month-Hand washing, putting on coats, raising our hands, finding our seats

Reminders

- All snacks must be peanut/tree nut free & not from facilities that use shared equipment
- Birthday snacks are great, they need to be peanut/tree nut free, store bought, and individually wrapped. Small party favors in lieu of snacks would also be fun!
- Please remember masks and seasonal change of clothes
- Remember mittens, hats, winter coats (we go outside in temps of 32 degrees or higher)