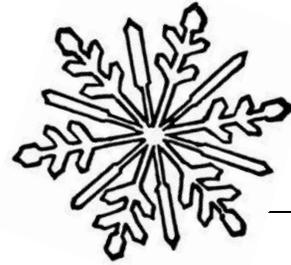


Classroom News 4s

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Happy New Year

Before I write about the New Year I'd like to wish you a very Merry Christmas! Seema and I hope you enjoy a healthy and happy Christmas with your families. There is nothing more precious than celebrating Christmas with a four-year-old. Enjoy this season of your life!

We return to the classroom by ringing in the New Year with a New Year's celebration and a number scavenger hunt. We will focus on the winter season this month including what we wear and what we do in the snow. In case you didn't notice, we have picked up the pace introducing letters and will continue to move forward with that. Mid-month we plan to spend an entire week learning about transportation (travel by land, by air and by sea). January 23rd is pajama day (a favorite of the children). Don't forget to send your child to school wearing pajamas.

Small Group / Center Time

- Following directions exercise - snowman project.
- "7" and "8" number talks planned.
- Explore states of matter (liquid to solid) when painting with ice.
- Creative expression of dreams on pajama day.
- Begin formal individual assessments in preparation for parent/teacher conferences.

Learning Standard Highlight

Several prosocial behavior goals play out in our classroom on a day to day basis. These goals include playing well with other children, sharing and respecting the rights of others and using thinking skills to resolve conflict. How do these goals play out? When playing cooperatively in a group in the bakery, when taking turns or sharing at the train table, when accepting compromise while building a fort with blocks. Your children are at "work" while they play.

Reminders, upcoming events, etc.

- New this month – first name sign in. No more arrival tags.
- Please continue placing your children's hats and mittens on the bottom of their cubbies just below their jackets. This is so helpful to us!! THANK YOU. It enables the children to independently get ready for outdoor play!
- We strive to get outside for recess everyday as long as the temp is at or above 32.

