



4 Year Olds January Newsletter

Happy New Year! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable winter break. Amy and I are excited to welcome each of your sweet little ones back to school this week. Thank you again for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts and cards. We are both grateful to be working with such kind and generous families.

January will be a busy month filled with lots of fun activities. We will continue to learn a new letter each week and also practice the beginning sound associated with that letter. Your child will practice recognizing and writing their first and last names. We will continue to work on number sense, patterning, and graphing.

Amy and I will have conferences times available after school and the last two Fridays in January. This is a great time for us to sit down and discuss your child's progress so far this year. We look forward to meeting with each of you during this time. Sign-ups will be available through Sign-Up Genius later this week or early next week.

January Activities and Curriculum

Literacy Centers

- In the writing center there will be winter die cuts, stamps and words to explore writing and making books.
- The children will learn the letters Gg, Ss, Jj, Dd, with books, songs, art and play.
- We will work on recognizing and writing the children's names.

Math Centers

- Children will work on recognizing numbers and 1:1 correspondence.
- We will continue to sort, graph, and pattern.

Science Centers

- Why do pinecones open and close? (Explore pine needles, pine cones, and pine tree stump with magnifying glass.)
- Investigate what makes ice melt faster and make a snowstorm in a jar.

Dramatic Play

- Our dramatic play area will be a taco stand for the month of January.

Fruit of the Spirit this month is Patience.

- We will read the Bible Stories: Hannah's Prayer, The Visitors, and A Net Full of Fish. We will also read the book God's Fruit in Me.

Special Reminders

Please remember that we will go outside to play as long as the weather is above 32 degrees. Mittens, hats, and warm coats help the children enjoy their time outside. Also, if you would please work on teaching your child to put their coat on independently and zipping them up that would be very helpful.

Warmly,

Meredith Bauman and Amy Friday

