



Mrs. Vaughan / Mrs. Shapiro
Pre-K January Newsletter 2020

January is going to be an exciting month in Pre-K! This month our dramatic play area will be transformed into an ice cream parlor and at the end of the month it will change to a post office/Valentine writing station. Our writing center will become a winter writing station where snow and snowmen will be our theme. The kids will use rhyming match cards, play snowball sight word matching games, mitten rhyme games, penguin sound matching games and trace snowman letters. They will also be able to trace letters and words in our snow writing trays. (salt and blue glitter) We will have snowflake letter match up games and write our “winter words” throughout the month. Our sensory bin will be filled with artificial snow for the first two weeks, colored water, soapy water and water with ice cubes the next week and we will finish the month with our “polar” sensory items . We will also be making snowmen with play-dough. In our math center, we will be measuring with snowball rulers and cotton balls. We will practice counting with snowflakes and play a “build a snowman game”. The kids will also work on counting and sorting by taking part in a snowman stew activity and by making winter number lines with erasers. We will continue with patterning by playing winter themed pattern games.

This month we will be covering the letters Mm, Nn, Oo, and Pp and will learn numbers 13-16. The children will be painting with marbles, newspapers, potatoes and pennies as well as making noodle collages, marshmallow structures, monsters and marbled milk prints. During “Oo” week, we will have an “ocean” theme. We will make jelly fish, crabs, fish, sharks and scuba divers and all of our centers will be focusing on the ocean theme which will include: fish bump counting, pirate flag counting, ocean animal spin and graphing, rhyming clam match, ocean clapping, building syllables and ocean animal ABC order. On Wednesday, January 29th, we will have a “letter P picnic” where our snack will be foods that start with the letter “P”. I will have a sign up for those of you that would be willing to bring in a few snacks for us to have.

Throughout the month, individual assessments will be taking place in preparation for conferences. Times will be offered before school and after school throughout a two week period with most being on Friday, Jan. 24th). A sign-up genius email will be sent for conference times available.

Please remember to dress your child appropriately (we will go outside weather permitting). January is full of cold and “blustery days”.

Throughout the month, please look for our volunteer sign ups outside of our classroom. We have a new classroom volunteer list/calendar that covers January through March.

Special Reminders:

- Conferences will be the week of January 13th and the week of the 21st before and after school. The majority will be held on Friday, the 24th.
- January 6th- First day back to school (**Everyone can bring one item for show and tell.**)
- January 6th – Chapel (Patience)
- January 20th- No school (MLK Day)
- January 29th- Letter P picnic (all foods will start with the letter P for our snack!)

January Birthdays:

Madeline Boldizar – Jan. 31st

Star of the Week:

Jan. 13th-16th (Paxton Peschke/Gabriel Greco)

Jan. 27th-30th (Emmit Hall/LeAnn Hall)

