



Dear 3's STEAMer Families,

Happy 2023! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and a Happy New Year! We have missed seeing your kiddos sweet faces and are looking forward to getting back into routine next week!

January 6 Explore: Recycling

What can you make from a box? There certainly seems to be no shortage of those these days! This week the kids will read *It's Not a Box!*, *The Birthday Box*, as well as read about and discuss the importance of recycling. They will build with cardboard shapes and boxes and participate in a recycling relay race. Ready, set, go!

January 13 Discover: Hibernation

We will discuss hibernation this week and what animals need in order to survive. We will also investigate animal tracks and what life looks like for animals in the winter. Students will engage in stories and songs about bears and animals as well as sort animals by what they do in the winter.

January 20 Simple Machines: Levers

Which catapult makes the snowball go the farthest? Students will find out by building a catapult with craft sticks and a spoon. This will likely be an enjoyable activity by all! We will also discuss different forms of measurement using our feet and a scale and create snowball paintings with pom poms.

January 27 Simple Machines: Incline Planes

What is an inclined plane? This week, students will discuss inclines and use an incline plane to make a ramp for a sled. They will also "ice skate" with friends, sort things that roll, use ramps, and even create some ramp drip painting!

We look forward to seeing you soon for another fun STEAM Friday!

Mrs. Carlberg and Mrs. Jacobs