Monday, January, 5, 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and some great family time.

This week we will begin a brief unit on winter. Emphasis this week will be placed on the difference between snow and ice. The children will discover that snowflakes are made up of tiny ice crystals that stick together. No two snowflakes look exactly the same and each snowflake has six points. Ice is frozen water; the children will observe that water is a liquid and when it freezes it expands. We will be experimenting to see which melts the fastest- snow or ice. If there is snow available we will have a snow play tub in the room. We will also talk about winter sports and clothing. The children will meet author Jan Brett as we read "The Hat and The Mitten." We will also have fun with her book "Cozy in Love" (Cozy being a musk ox). Vocabulary consists of: octagon, crystal, muffle, liquid, solid, and expand.

We will introduce the letter Ww using the Ww picture card will be utilized as we name the objects with emphasis on the initial sound. The children will be exploring the objects in the Ww tub and printing W and w. All letters and their sounds will be consistently reinforced.

We are going to begin our rhyming unit this week using the objects in the rhyming basket. Color words as sight words will return.

Numeral 9 will be introduced as the children count a variety of objects. We will also be sequencing numerals 0-9. This week we will begin simple addition by combining 2 sets to make one larger set. The Octagon shape will be introduced and the children will be estimating how many snowballs are in the Estimation Station.

Phonemic Awareness continues as a feature of our curriculum.

The Book We Read – Reminder- Please help your child pick out a book to read. Then help them to complete the attached "The Book We Read" worksheet and return it sometime throughout the week to share with the class.

Special Days of the Week:

Tuesday, January 6th – Each child is to bring in a winter hat.
Wednesday, January 7th – Each child is to bring in a pair of gloves or mittens.
Thursday, January 8th – Each child is to bring in one object beginning with Ww.
Friday, January 9th – Show-and-Tell.

Thanks a bunch for your awesome support and cooperation!

Mary Jane and Barb

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The Book We Read

The name of my book is: _____

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Child's Name: _____