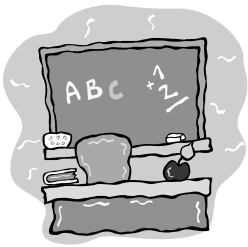




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The Director's Page

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. January is a quiet month.

Please add these dates to your calendars:

January 2	Tuition due
January 3/4	First day back for students
January 12/13	Teacher Workdays-No School
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

I have prepared your 2010 tax statements. Please stop by my office to pick up your statement. Remember, you can only claim preschool tuition payments if both parents work or one works and the other is in school.

Special thanks to the parents who shared some Christmas cheer with me. Your gifts are always appreciated!

Thanks,

Ms. Mary Ann

Ms. Suzan's Music Notes

As we enter into a new year, let me congratulate the children on their Christmas programs. They truly sang with heart and soul. I am so grateful to have had the chance to work with them. They made my holiday season complete.

In January, we will sing songs about winter, snow, and common things related to cold weather. We will also begin using bean bag activities with songs that teach how to follow instructions, coordination and team work. We will review days of the week and months of the year in English and introduce those words in Spanish. In the younger classes, the students will continue to learn about themselves, their families, and their surroundings. Music that includes number and letter review will also reinforce their classroom lessons. I will introduce more songs appropriate for chapel such as "Jesus Loves Me," "This Little Light of Mine," and "My Father's House."

I look forward to another semester with your children. Keep music alive in your family and continue to encourage your children to sing, clap, and dance. It will enrich their lives greatly!



Ms. Candice's, Ms. Caroline's and Ms. Carrie's 4-year-old Classes

During January, our first unit of study is the **Weather**. During this unit, we will focus on seasonal change, winter weather, and cloud types. We will conclude our study of the weather with a field trip to meet Mr. Rob Fowler and tour the Channel 2 weather station. Don't forget to dress your child in his or her blue STCC shirt for the field trip. Our second unit of study is **Transportation**. During this unit, we will discuss the many modes of transportation, including space travel.



In Language Arts, we will concentrate on the letters **Rr**, **Uu**, and **Ww**. We will continue to emphasize correct letter formation

during our writing instruction. Additionally, we will continue to identify the sounds that the letters make.

In Math, we will focus on the numbers **11** and **12**. We will trace and write the numbers as well as form sets and sort groups of them. The **diamond** is the shape of the month, and **gray** is the color of the month.

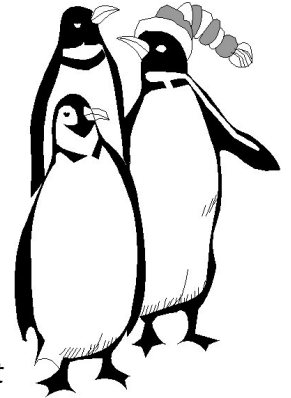
Bible verse: "As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night."
Genesis 8:22

Dates to Remember:

January 3/4	First day back for students
January 12/13	Teacher Workdays-No School
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
January 26/27	Field trip to Channel 2

Ms. Stephanie's 2-year-old Class

Wow! We can't believe it's January already! How time flies. With the fun and excitement of the Christmas season past it's time to get back to business. With the second half of our school year approaching you may notice a few changes in the classroom. Starting in January, the children's coat hooks will not always be in the same place. We will move their name tags each day to ensure they are really looking for their names not just the hook they've been using all year.



Our themes for this month are **The Season of Winter** and **Transportation**. We will discuss the difference between winter and the other seasons and how it is different here than in colder climates. We will also talk about the different forms of transportation. We will determine how everyone gets to school and how we would get to other locations.

Our colors for this month are **blue**, **black**, and **white**. Our shapes are **circles** and **rectangles**. We will be using these colors and shapes in our crafts as well as looking for them in the classroom.

Bible verse: "Follow Me." Matthew 9:9

Dates to Remember:

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January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

Ms. Jenn's and Ms. Rhonda's 3-year-old Classes

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas season. We are excited to welcome everyone back to school.

Our units of study for January are **Seasonal Changes** and **Community Helpers**. We will learn about the four seasons and look for the many signs of winter. We will learn to identify community helpers and the jobs they do to help us.



Our letters this month are **li**, **Mm**, and **Ww**. We will trace these letters and learn the sounds they make. We are continuing to practice writing our first names. The number **6** will be introduced. We will practice writing the number. We will

also form sets and make patterns using the number six. The color for the month is **purple**.

Bible Verse: "We loved Him because He first loved us."
1 John 4:19

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January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

Ms. Melissa's 3/4 Class

Happy New Year! I know everyone had a wonderful time celebrating Jesus' birthday and bringing in the New Year!

Our units of study for the month of January are **Winter** and **Community Helpers**. To start the month, we will talk about winter and how it affects the environment and us. The second half of the month, we will talk about **Community Helpers** and what they do. We will make several crafts reflecting our units.



The letters of the month are **li**, **Mm**, and **Ww**. Our number for the month is the number **6**. We will complete worksheets in class on our letters, number, and our alphabet books at home for additional practice. Our color of the month is **purple**, and our shape is the **diamond**.

Bible Verse: "We loved Him because He first loved us."
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