

Miss Dawn's Class News

*Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world and tell the good news to everyone."
Mark 16:15*

Happy New Year!!!! 2019; Can you believe it?! This year is flying by and it has been exciting to watch as your children learn and grow every day before our eyes. Many thanks go out to you for attending our Christmas program. The children worked very hard and did a wonderful job! We are very proud of them! We also thank you for your assistance.

As we move into a new year, we are making changes in our classroom. This month we will learn about snow, ice and arctic animals. Our dramatic play area will be transformed into a warm cozy kitchen. We will be reading and learning a lot about what it's really like to live in the arctic for people and animals. We will be learning about different animals such as polar bears, puffins and penguins. Our art projects will reflect the animals that we learn about. We will explore winter weather and learn about hibernation and dormancy. We will examine snowflakes, crystals and conduct some winter experiments. Our sensory table will be fun for the children; it will be filled with snow, and frozen ice blocks for the children to try to melt with water and salt shakers.

In December the children who have mastered their first name have started to learn how to recognize and write their last name. We will continue to work on this the remainder of the school year. In addition to learning last names I would like each child to learn their Birthday month, day and year and determine what age they will be on their next birthday. We will continue in our handwriting workbooks focusing on the letters O, Q and S.

In math we will work on one to one correspondence (counting out objects). We will also be learning to "count in our head". We do this in many ways, i.e., listening to a bell and counting the rings, counting how many times someone taps on our backs, or how many times we clap our hands or snap our fingers. For children this age it is not as easy as it sounds. We will continue working on shapes and patterns; please work with your children at home on these skills as well.

On Wednesday, January 16th we will be having pajama day along with a movie and popcorn, so please send your child to school in their favorite pajamas. If they wish to wear slippers just send them in their book bag to change into at school. This is always a fun day for the children.

In January we will have a special show and tell day. The boy's show and tell date will be Jan 11th, and the girls will be January 18th. Please have your child choose one item to bring in and share with the class.

We look forward to a great new year with your children.
Miss Dawn and Miss Jill



Please remember to continue reading to your child and turn in your reading log.