



Beginnergarten Class News

Welcome back everyone! Happy New Year's! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

During the month of January our themes will be ice and snow, winter weather, snow people, and winter animals.

Our dramatic play area will be turned into a winter wonderland, complete with an igloo, winter clothes, and other winter accessories. The block area will contain blocks of ice, arctic animals, and winter scenery. At the playdough table the children will be able to create their own snowmen. The writing center will allow the children to engage in a snowman letter search, a snowman letter sounds game, snowman rhyming, and a snowflake letter matching game. They will also practice writing letters and be exposed to winter words this month. As the children sign in at the table, they will write both their first and last names.

The sensory table will be lots of fun for the children; it will be filled with snow, water, ice bergs, and arctic animals. At the math and science center we will be exploring forms of water (gas, solid, liquid) through science experiments. We will also integrate science into our sensory table by exploring ice and melting. What takes longer, letting ice melt at room temperature or adding table salt to the ice? We will also engage in a cryogenics experiment, explore frost, and discover how winter animals stay warm. We will also be making instant snow to watch what happens to it when you add water. Then we will be turning it into snow slime. The children will also be able to play a snowman number matching game, a snowman sequencing activity, snowman pattern game, a mitten classification game, and engage in snowflake sorting. We will also sort snowmen by whether they are frozen or melting. Art projects this month include snowmen, snowflakes, penguins, and polar bears.

On January 16th we will be having "show-n-tell" and pajama day. On this day send your child to school in their favorite pj's, robes, slippers, etc. Your child may send in a favorite new Christmas toy for show-and-tell! During our discussion on winter animals we will be learning about where they live, what they eat, how they survive and which animals live at the North Pole and which live at the South Pole. Thus, the reason we are dressing up in pj's and hibernating ourselves! Just thinking about the cold makes us want to be warm and cozy! We will also be making and eating a winter treat to celebrate our pajama day. Please send in a spare set of clothes if your child stays for extended care! As always, please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather; we try to go outside as much as possible! Also, if there is snow on the ground and it is not too chilly outside we will go out and play in the snow. Plan on sending in snowsuits and boots just in case we make it outside! Have a great month!

Miss Michelle

