

# JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

## Room #104 - Mrs. Jordan

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a terrific winter break. I am enjoying spending time with my family and friends. It is good to have my daughter home for a few weeks. It would be fun to have some snow, maybe we will get some in January. Please continue to bring all your winter gear as it is good practice putting it on and we sometimes get cold.

The children have been having fun in the "Fitness Center". It has been fun watching them doing sit ups, lifting weights, balancing etc.

### Calendar Dates:

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> -Wednesday  
Show & Tell (kid's  
choice)

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday  
Number book page due.

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday  
Game day with Rm  
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Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Tues -  
Wednesday - Sight &  
Hearing screening

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday  
Family Fun Night  
(pizza)  
5:30 - 6:30

### January Focus

We will be reading stories and doing art projects that relate to winter. We will also start working on number concepts - learning to recognize numbers, counting and playing number bingo. We will start learning about Artists: Who can be one, what materials they use, etc.

### Game Day

We will play games with our friends in Ms. Wright's class on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Numbers

We will be making a number book. A note will be going home the week of January 10<sup>th</sup>. Your page will be due on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also start an estimation jar. Each child will get a turn to fill the estimation jar for the other children to guess (estimate) how many items are in the jar. Examples of items to put in the jar: Lego's, noodles, jellybeans, Barbie shoes, etc. (less than 100) The jar goes home on Tuesday and returned the next day for us to estimate on Wednesday, Thursday's we find out who was closest. We will learn to count by ones, fives and tens.

### Mailbox / Coat hook mix-up

Since the children are doing so well at recognizing their first names, I will be adding their last names during the month. The mailboxes and coat hooks have moved again. I will remind the children so they will know they have to look for their name closely. I'm reminding you, so you will look closely before taking things out of the mailboxes.

## Star of the week

Your child will be assigned a week to be the "Star". They can bring a poster with pictures etc. to display on the special bulletin board. They also can bring show and tell everyday they are the "Star". You will get a reminder note the week before it is your child's turn. Let me know if you have any questions.

Week of:

Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Jordan		
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Isabelle	&	Amber
Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kingston	&	Reese
Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Owen	&	Henry

The Star of the week will be our person to call names to line up. I am going to try adding a twist to calling of names. I will be asking the children to describe something about the other children: such as the color of their clothes, type of shoes, the letter that their name starts with etc.

## Chester

Chester continues his adventures with our classmates. Last month he spent time at Noah's, Willa T's & Connor's houses and it sounds like he had fun. He even went on a plane ride with Grace. Chester is our raccoon puppet that comes to your house for a weekend to stay with you. Have fun and don't forget to take him with you on any adventures you may go on. I will give you a page that you can draw or put a picture on and then tell a little about what Chester did with your family. Have fun.

## Happy Birthday

Jack's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 3<sup>rd</sup>      Owen's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
Trygve's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup>

We will be celebrating each child's birthday as close as we can to their day (or  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday, if their birthday is in the summer). Your child may bring a special birthday treat for snack that day. Many parents like to come on that day to have snack with the class and read a story of your child's choosing before we go outside. Please let me know if you would like to come. Thanks.

## Thanks to:

- Emily (Isabelle's mom), Shannon (Owen's mom), Liz (Vivian's mom), Wendy (Lauren's mom), Lori (Trygve's mom), Brian (Seth's dad), Suzy (Willa T.'s mom), Michelle (Sage's mom) & Kaymie (Reese's mom) for helping us trace and decorate life size pictures of us. We will be displaying them when it is your child's turn to be the Star of the week. I still have a few more to go so let me know if you are available to help, the first hour of class is the best time. Thanks.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

- Mrs. Jordan