

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Room #104 - Mrs. Jordan

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a terrific winter break; it is nice to see the snow.

Welcome to 2022! We are all looking forward to what the New Year will bring.

The dramatic play area will become a Bear cave where the children can use flashlights to read stories to our stuffed animal friends.

Themes - We will be talking about winter, Spirit week and animals in winter. We will talk about what we do in the winter, what animals do and where they live. Last month we compared gingerbread stories, discussing the beginning, middle and end as well as characters, we will continue to do this. We will start working on number concepts - learning to recognize numbers, counting and playing number bingo.

Numbers - We will be making a number book, a note will go home on Monday. Your page will be due on Tuesday, January 18th. 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 Monday and returned the next day for us to estimate, then we will figure out who was closest. We will learn to count by ones, fives and tens.

Happy Birthday - Thora's $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday on the 26th
Ray's $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday on the 26th
Abe's $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday on the 30th

Birthdays are special and a great time to talk about how it feels to be older. Your child may bring a special birthday treat for snack that day and a book of your child's choosing for me to read to the class.

Spirit Week - January 10th - 13th

Monday - Silly Sock Day - Wear a pair of silly or mismatched socks

Tuesday - Class color day (Green) - Wear something green

Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday Day - Wear mismatched clothes or silly hair etc. We will be having a pizza lunch so you don't need to bring lunch that day. Thanks to Ray's family (Lake Harriet Pizza)

Thursday - P.J. Day - The children can wear their pajamas to school and bring their slippers too. We will have a fun breakfast type of snack and watch a Blues Clues video about day and night.

Star of the week - This is a special time for your child; they get to be the "Star" for a week. Please bring a poster with pictures etc. to display on their 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. 3 th	Mrs. Jordan
	Jan. 10 th	Graycen
	Jan. 17 th	No Star
	Jan. 24 th	Mabel
	Jan. 31 st	Cali

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.

Walking around the alphabet - The letters we will focus in this month are Ee, Yy & Gg. We will look for the letters in our classroom, in books and magazines as well as talking about how each letter sounds. We will focus on words that begin with the letters we are working on.

Important Dates:

Jan. 10th - 13th - Spirit week

Jan. 12th - Wednesday - Show & Tell (Kid's choice)

Jan. 17th - Preschool closed

Jan. 18th - Tuesday Number book page due

Jan. 25th - Zoom concert - More info to come as it gets closer

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

- Mrs. Jordan