January Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you've enjoyed the holidays and time spent with family and friends. It was wonderful having a break to relax, but we missed the kids and look forward to a great second half of the year together with lots of fun and learning!

This month we will be focusing on literature and reading some classics like *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See* and *my personal favorite, Corduroy*. We will also focus on numbers and use math cubes for counting and measuring. We will continue with our letter of the week and make some great crafts. Tracing and writing our names and cutting practice are a priority as well, and we encourage you to practice these skills at home. This month we will continue to enjoy dance studio with Miss Carol, chapel time with Miss Holly, and our in class Bible lessons.

Looking ahead, there is no school on Monday, January 20th due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There is a "Registration Open House" for new families on the evening of Tuesday, January 21st from 6:30pm-8:00pm. *Please note that our current families may begin registration for next year on January 6th.*

Lastly, two reminders. Please send your child to school with weather appropriate labeled jackets including hats and mittens each day. We almost always go out, if even for a short time, and we want to ensure that the children aren't cold. Finally, we urge you to keep your child home when showing signs of illness. We've already had stomach viruses, colds, coughs, rashes etc...and we would **strongly appreciate** your best judgment in assessing your child as illness spreads extremely quickly in preschool.

Thank you all for your continued support of what we do here each day. Quick note, parent-teacher conferences will be the week of February 3rd and sign-up sheets will be posted in the hallway soon. The children still have class the days of the conferences (a sub covers for me) and I will do my best to accommodate your schedule should the times posted not work well for you. I look forward to our meeting to discuss your child's progress and hear from you as well. Happy winter!