

## **January Newsletter**

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends and got to spend some time doing the things that bring you happiness. I was thinking of your children on Christmas morning and how excited they all must have been. There's nothing quite like Christmas morning illuminated through the eyes of your child! I hope you enjoyed every moment.

We are off to a running start this new year. We will begin several winter themed projects and crafts, and you'll hear about some fun STEAM lessons we're planning, such as a sink or float Science experiment and building with Math manipulatives. This month we will focus on shapes, colors, numbers and continue with our letter of the week. Like a scavenger hunt, we will do shape and color hunts. Please keep reviewing these things at home each day, as the children all need lots of reinforcement of these basic preschool skills. We also strongly encourage you to strengthen those fine motor skills and have the children practice writing their names and using scissors over and over, as we will continue to do at school. The school year is already half over and we're hopeful that with your support, they will make even further strides.

To that end, we will be having parent-teacher conferences on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 2nd. The children will have their regular school day with Mrs. Illum and a substitute teacher will take my place. A sign-up genius email will be sent home soon. Conferences will be a formal way for us to communicate about the progress your child has made, as well as the areas where they could use some support. As always, I am happy to answer any questions you may have and offer suggestions as well. I'm truly looking forward to meeting with you all.

### **Important Dates:**

Tuesday, January 3 – registration opens to current families for next year  
Tuesday, January 17 – registration opens to all, so get your preferences in  
Thursday, January 19 – Open House Night, 6:00pm (adults only)  
Tuesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 2 – Conferences (15 mins.)

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