

# Discovering Me MONTHLY TIDBITS

2026

## JANUARY



Dear Parents,

We made it through the holidays! We hope every family had a wonderful holiday season and wish the best for you in the New Year. The staff and I would like to thank you for the many gifts and cards we received. Each and every one was special.

January is a busy month at school. This month's topics include a review of **shapes, colors & numbers**, the start of our study of the **letters of the alphabet** (keep an eye out for special letter days!), **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, **arctic animals** and **winter activities**. We will also incorporate reading readiness and handwriting skills for the kindergarten bound children.

**Report cards will be distributed Thursday, January 29th & Friday, January 30th.** If you would like a conference pertaining to your child's progress, please make an appointment with your child's teacher. If we feel a conference is necessary, we will indicate so on the report card.

Thank you to all the families that participated in our **Annual Toy Drive**. It was an enormous success, and your efforts brought a lot of joy to many children during the holiday season.

Congratulations to the **McGratty Family** on winning the Holiday 50/50 raffle.

**As a health reminder** we ask that you please keep your child home if they have flu-like symptoms, diarrhea, pink eye, coxsackie virus or any other contagious condition that can spread like wildfire in a classroom. Your child must be fever-free for 24 hours, without the aid of medication, before returning to school. We are aware this protocol is inconvenient, as many parents work, but we need to be diligent and considerate to maintain a healthy environment for all children and staff.

### A Few Reminders:

- As discussed at our Parent Meeting in September we will be conducting two Shelter-In-Place Drills during the year. The first **Shelter In Place Drill** is on **Wednesday, January 14th from 10:30–11:00am**. No one is permitted to enter or leave the building for the duration of the drill. If you had any plans of picking up your child during this time, please be sure to do so before 10:30am, otherwise you will have to wait until the conclusion of the drill at 11:00am. **A reminder e-mail will be sent on Tuesday, January 13th.** The drill concerns members of the staff and will not affect the children's day.
- All medical and physical forms must be kept complete and up-to-date in order for your child to attend school. Reminders are sent home when your child's medical form is due to expire.
- Throughout the winter season we do our best to get outside with the children unless it is too cold or snowing, so please dress them accordingly.
- In the event of snow, the school will be closed if there is 3 inches or more on the ground. Check local News 12 on Cablevision and your e-mail for closures or delayed openings.
- If you are planning on your child attending our summer camp and/or returning in the fall and have not yet registered, please do so. Space is limited and registering early is the only way to secure the days and hours you desire.
- Please encourage your child to leave all toys at home. We have plenty of toys at school for the children to play with.
- If your child is having lunch in school, please make sure to send in spoons and/or forks if needed.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call us any time.

Sincerely, Ms. Carol & Ms. Laurie, and Staff

## at-a-glance

### January Topics:

- Shapes, colors, numbers
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Artic Animals
- Winter Activities
- Reading Readiness
- Handwriting Skills



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**Check your child's class calendar for special activities and dates such as Show-n-tell and Pjama Day.**



**School is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Monday, January 19th**



**We Hate Losing Things! Please label all of your child's clothing including hats, mittens, & scarves!**



Ms. Rose

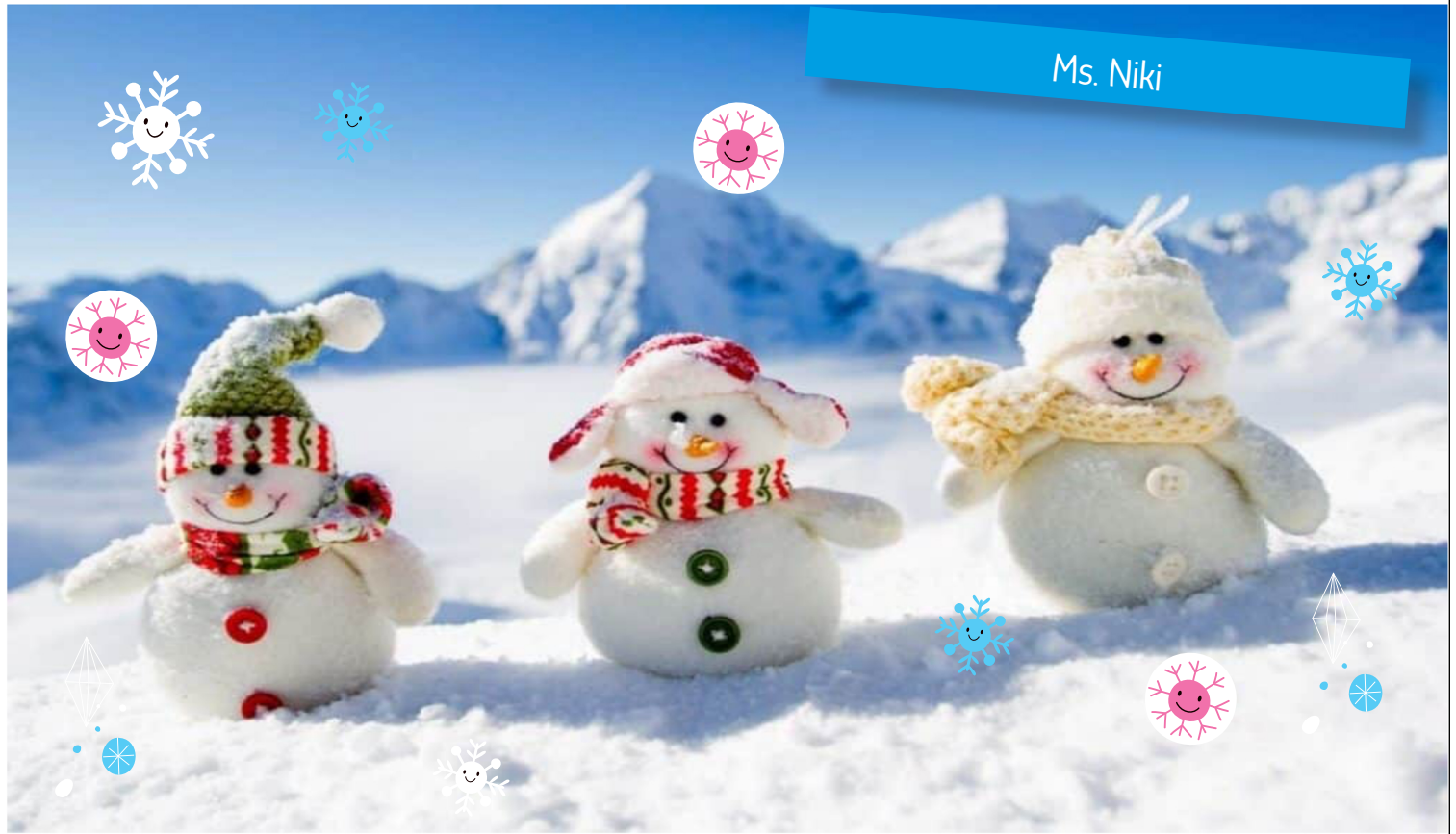


Ms. Rose

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4 	5 Welcome 2026 National Bird Day School Reopens	6 Toasting a New Year Little Christmas	7 Show-n-Tell New Holiday Toy	8 Bb Hibernation Bear Bubble Bath Day	9 Bb Cardinal Bird Science Experiment Salt Crystal Snowflake	10 
11 Fun with Snow 	12 Ss Sled	13 Ss Snowman Gym Demo	14 Pp Winter Mobile Shelter in Place Drill	15 Mm Hat and Mittens	16 Mm Martin Luther King, Jr Project Science Exploding Snowman	17 
18 Winnie the Pooh Day	19 Martin Luther King, Jr Day Popcorn Day School is Closed	20 Pp Penguin	21 Pp Polar Bear	22 Ww Walrus	23 Ww Fire Drill 2:45 Whale Science Ice Fishing	24 
25 Opposite Day	26 Ij Igloo	27 Ij Icy Initials Chocolate Cake Day	28 Lego Building Day Blueberry Pancake Day National Lego Day	29 National Puzzle Day Report Cards	30 Pajama Day Science Magic Milk Report Cards	31 Hot Chocolate Day





Ms. Niki

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11 Dressing for Winter 	12 Winter Hat	13 Winter Mittens Rubber Ducky Day	14 Winter Boots Shelter in Place Drill	15 Snowflakes Hat Day Bagel Day	16 Snowball Fight Science Snowstorm in a Jar	17 
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