

Discovering Me MONTHLY TIDBITS

2024

JANUARY



Dear Parents,

Well, we made it through the holidays! We hope every family had a wonderful time and we wish health and prosperity for all 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 and very much appreciated.

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 25th & Friday, January 26th. 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 a great success and your efforts certainly brought a lot of joy to many children during the Holiday Season.

Congratulations to the **Filton/Hammond Family** on winning the Holiday 50/50 raffle which was in the amount of \$3,000.

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 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 17th 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 pick them up before 10:30am, otherwise you will have to wait until the conclusion of the drill which will be at 11:00am. **A reminder e-mail will be sent on Tuesday, January 16th.** 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 because the cubbies are overflowing.
- 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.



School is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Monday, January 15th





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





Ms. Rose



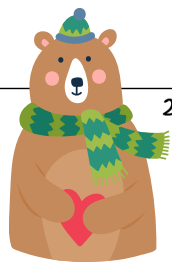
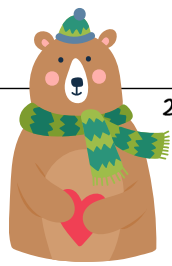


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|--|---|------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Happy New Year! |  | School is Closed | Welcome 2024 | Winter Mobile | Cardinal for National Bird Day Peppermint Science |  Little Christmas |
|  With Snow Begin Letters | Ss Snowman | Ss Sled | Mm Mittens | Mm Mouse | 12 Martin Luther King Project Magic Milk Science | 13  |
| 14 Arctic Animals | 15 Martin Luther King, Jr Day School is Closed | 16 Ww Whale | 17 Ww Walrus Shelter in Place Drill | 18 Pp Polar Bear Winnie the Pooh Day | 19 Pp Penguin Popcorn Day | 20  |
|  21 | 22 Ii Icicles Fire Drill 2:45 | 23 Ii Igloo | 24 Oo Olaf | 25 Oo Opposite Day Report Cards | 26 Pajama Day Exploding Snowman Science | 27  |
| 28 Lego Day | 29 Hibernation | 30 Bb Brown Bear | 31 Bb sdrawkcaB yaD Backwards Day | | | |



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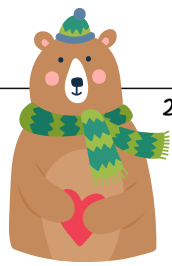


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| Happy New Year! |  | 2 School is Closed | 3 Ring In the New Year 2024 | 4 Snowy Winter Tree | 5 Color Ice Melting <small>Science Friday</small> | 6  Little Christmas |
| 7  White Snow | 8 Winter Hat | 9 Mittens | 10 Winter Boots | 11 Snowflakes | 12 Snowball Fight | 13  |
| 14 More Snow Fun | 15 Martin Luther King, Jr Day <small>School is Closed</small> | 16 Snowman Names | 17 Melted Snowman <small>Shelter in Place Drill</small> | 18 Snowman in a Bag <small>Snowman Day Winnie the Pooh Day</small> | 19 Shivery Snow Paint <small>Popcorn Day</small> | 20  |
| 21  | 22 Polar Bear <small>Fire Drill 2:45</small> | 23 Whales | 24 Walrus | 25 Penguin <small>Report Cards</small> | 26 Water Bin Fun <small>Report Cards</small> | 27  |
| 28 Spatial Concepts <small>Lego Day</small> | 29 On / Off | 30 In / Out | 31 Up / Down <small>Backwards Day</small> | | | |



Ms. Christine

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