

CLASSROOM CHRONICLE

January 2020 Project Early Foxborough, MA

CURRENT EVENTS:

Happy New Year to all and a big welcome to the new decade! We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday/vacation. Our first theme of the month will be to celebrate the New Year. We will enjoy reading two stories/ songbooks entitled, *If You're Happy and You Know It!*, one by David A. Carter and the other by Jane Cabrera. There will be lots of hand clapping, tail wagging, toe touching and shouting of "Happy New Year"! We'll put glitter in shaving cream and confetti in the sensory table for the children to explore. There will be wild animals to play with on the rug and musical instruments for parading around the classroom.



Our theme for the month of January will be the season of winter. We will focus on many different aspects to include: snow, ice, winter clothes, snow people, ice skating, sledding, winter and animals and hibernation. In the art center, the children will be able to collage and paint snow scenes. Opportunities to design hats, scarves and pairs of mittens will be provided. The sensory table will be filled with ice, snow (real when possible and store bought if necessary.) The concepts of hot, cold, hard, soft and melting will be explored. There will be matching and sorting using mittens and socks. The children will learn the "Winter Pokey" and have lots of practice putting on winter clothes. Sequencing by size will be introduced as we make snow people, using different sized circles.

Some of the books to be read are as follows:

- *One Snowy Day* by Jeffrey Scherer
- *Puppies in the Snow* by James Young
- *Oh* by Kevin Henkes
- *When Winter Comes* by Nancy Van Laan
- *Under My Hood I Have a Hat* by Karla Kuskin
- *The Mitten Tree* by Candace Christiansen
- *The Snowball* by Jennifer Armstrong
- *Bunny's First Snowflake* by Monica Wellington
- *The Mouse that Jack Built* by Cyndy Szekeres
- *Ten on the Sled* by Kim Norman
- *Stranger in The Woods* Carl R. Sams II

DATES TO NOTE:

- January 2 & 3-School resumes
- January 7-9-Kindergarten registration
- January 8-Burrell P.T.O. meeting 7:00 p.m.
- January 20-No School Martin Luther King Day
- January 24-No School Professional Development Day
- January 30 & 31-Hibernation Days-wear pajamas

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:

Morning Class

- There are no morning birthdays

Afternoon Class

- Noah-10
- Camden-27



LATE BREAKING NEWS:

We are very pleased to have two student teachers with us from Wheaton College. Courtney Foley and Jaime McNutt will be with us during their spring semester.

With the arrival of snow, we may be able to go sledding! We will send a notice home in the folders or via Class Dojo whenever we are planning to go outside to play in the snow. On these days please plan to send your children to school with snow pants or snow suits, boots, hats and mittens. **Please label all outdoor clothing!**