



January Newsletter

Room 121

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope everyone had happy holidays and enjoyed family time. It is our hope that 2021 continues to bring health and well wishes to everyone. All of the health and safety protocols continue to be followed and mask wearing is worked on daily, so please continue to send in daily. Each month over the year we will be doing a study as a preschool that will help us focus on the preschool standards of math, literacy, science, social studies, and the arts through play and exploration. In December, we completed our All About Me and Families study and will start the new year off with a pet study.

Theme: PETS (dogs, cats, fish, rabbits, birds, turtles, snakes, hamsters)

Read Aloud Book: adapted books to include: [Pets](#) by Lisa Ing, [A Pet for Jupe](#) by Maribeth Boelts, [Old MacDonald Had a Pet Shop](#), [How Much is that Doggie in the Window](#), [Scat the Cat](#), [Rabbits](#) by Kim Brown, [Bird Colors](#) by Anthony Curran, [Colorful Fish](#)

Arts& crafts: Our Pet Books- students will create different pet animals using different mediums, pet rocks

Additional weekly activities can include:

Table work: implementing activities based on IEP goals, following pictorial schedules, close ended tasks, letters, shapes, colors, patterns, numbers, counting

Choice time: play activities, sensory exploration, turn taking, choice making, matching and sorting

Hands on (sensory/fine motor): coloring, ripping, cutting, painting, stringing, puzzles, sensory activities, dot art, play dough, writing activities

Other: walks, bike rides, outdoor fun, obstacle course, swings, scooter boards

Center time: activities remain the same for each week and are based on creative play and work opportunities to help with learning our themes and skills



Important Dates/information:

January 1- New Years Day -NO SCHOOL

January 18- Martin Luther King Day- NO SCHOOL

January 29- Professional Development- NO SCHOOL

*KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION is online for the full month of January! Please visit the Foxboro Public schools home page and click on students and families and type kindergarten registration into the search bar

Please send your child with a mask daily! Please also work on this at home 😊 I know it may seem silly but if you and your child practice this while playing it is very similar to what we do at school.

Please send your child to school with appropriate clothing with the change in weather!

Please know that as part of the preschool learning experience we may get wet, dirty, and sometimes painted, that just means we had fun at school! An extra change of clothes is helpful, we can keep in backpack or it can stay in our classroom.

Please put your child's name on their coats and hats etc.! We are working on independence and it is not always the same teacher that gets students unpacked at arrival that packs them up for dismissal.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out with a note in the folder, on dojo or by email.



A Very Happy Birthday to:

Happy Birthday to Austin!



Wellness:

Please make sure that you are following all the state guidelines around the pandemic. With so many germs and the current pandemic we please ask that you review the information provided by the school nurse and conduct the daily check list with your child in order to help prevent the spread of illnesses. If you have any questions around health, please address them with the school nurse. Your child should stay home if they have had any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours:

~a fever

~vomiting or diarrhea

~a cough that disrupts his/her normal activity or wakes them at night

~if diagnosed with a contagious illness (strep or conjunctivitis) and need to be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school



Wish List:

Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations so far. This year is certainly unlike any other. These are not required however, we greatly appreciate donations for our classroom of tissues, baby wipes and Clorox wipes.



Class DOJO:

Just a reminder I will be posting our weekly note (this will be in place of written ones) and pictures Monday of our activities on class dojo and then on Fridays pictures of the kids doing the activities. So make sure you check it! We try our best to take pictures throughout the week and may not have pictures of everyone in each activity. We will always inform you in the folder, via phone call, email or dojo message if we need something, have to share something great or any injuries/incidents during school. The folder is used to send home craft projects and other notices.

Thank you and have a great month!

Stephanie, Kathy, Janie, Sue, Amanda and Mrs. D