

# Pre-k peek

DEC. 2ND - 13TH

## WRITING, FINE MOTOR, AND ART

- ★ PLEASE CONTINUE HAVING YOUR CHILDREN WRITE IN PENCIL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AT HOME. PRE-K IS THE PERFECT TIME TO CORRECT ANY PENCIL GRIP THAT IS NOT THE TRIPOD GRIP! WE ARE STILL WORKING ON NAME WRITING DURING SMALL GROUP AND LEARNING HOW TO WRITE NUMBERS.
- ★ THE LETTERS OF THE WEEK FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS ARE I AND J. STUDENTS WILL FOCUS ON WRITING BOTH THE UPPERCASE AND LOWERCASE VERSIONS OF THESE LETTERS, AS WELL AS LEARNING THEIR SOUNDS. EACH WEEK, STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE OUR LETTER CENTER, WHICH IS FILLED WITH FUN, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES LIKE PLAYDOUGH, LCD TABLETS, SAND, DRY-ERASE BOARDS, AND STICKERS TO HELP REINFORCE LETTER LEARNING. ADDITIONALLY, WE'LL HAVE OUR LETTER OF THE WEEK SHOW AND TELL, WHERE STUDENTS CAN PRACTICE PUBLIC SPEAKING IN AN ENGAGING AND ENJOYABLE WAY!
- ★ AS WE WELCOME DECEMBER, WE'LL BE EXPLORING THE VARIOUS WINTER HOLIDAYS THAT FAMILIES CELEBRATE. IN ADDITION TO OUR USUAL LETTER OF THE WEEK CRAFTS, WE'LL ALSO BE CREATING SPECIAL CRAFTS TO HONOR ALL THE DIFFERENT HOLIDAYS WE CELEBRATE DURING THIS SEASON.

## MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES

- ★ STUDENTS WILL LEARN HOW ANIMALS PREPARE FOR THE WINTER AND DISCOVER THE SIGNS THAT SIGNAL THE ARRIVAL OF THE SEASON! WE ARE ALSO TEACHING THE STUDENTS ABOUT FOOD AND NUTRITION. THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT SOME FOOD GROUPS AND WHICH FOODS FALL UNDER THEM.
- ★ WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON NUMBER RECOGNITION AND NUMBER SENSE EVERY DAY. DURING CIRCLE TIME, STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO COUNT THE DAYS WE HAVE BEEN IN SCHOOL, WHAT TWO NUMBERS MAKE UP A TWO-DIGIT NUMBER, AND THE NUMBER OF MONTHS IN A YEAR. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CENTERED ON HELPING STUDENTS RECOGNIZE NUMBERS AND SELECT CORRESPONDING ITEMS THAT MATCH THOSE NUMBERS. WE ALSO OFFER MATH ACTIVITIES DURING OUR CENTER TIME WHERE STUDENTS CAN COME OVER AND PRACTICE MATH SKILLS WITH ME.
- ★ STUDENTS WILL EXPLORE VARIOUS HOLIDAY TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS. WE'LL DISCUSS HOW FAMILIES CELEBRATE DIFFERENT HOLIDAYS AND THE TRADITIONS THAT HELP KEEP THESE CELEBRATIONS MEANINGFUL AND VIBRANT. \*WE ARE ALSO RECITING THE PLEDGE DAILY.

## AT HOME LEARNING TIPS

- ★ PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN USE A PENCIL TO COMPLETE THEIR HOMEWORK! COLORING THE PICTURES IS FINE BUT PLEASE TRY YOUR BEST TO REFRAIN FROM USING MARKERS TO WRITE LETTERS, NUMBERS ETC.
- ★ AS WINTER APPROACHES, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD HELP YOUR CHILDREN PRACTICE ZIPPING UP THEIR JACKETS. WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON INSIDE-OUT SLEEVES, AND NOW ZIPPING IS THE NEXT SKILL TO FOCUS ON!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

CANDY CANE HUNT: TBA  
 12/20: SANTA VISITS PARK SHORE  
 MAGIC REINDEER FOOD  
LOOKING AHEAD: PARK SHORE CLOSED FROM  
 DEC. 23RD - JAN. 1ST

## VOCAB

DECEMBER, WINTER, CHRISTMAS, KWANZAA, KINARA, HANUKKAH, DREIDEL, GINGERBREAD, GIFTS/PRESENTS, MENORAH, SNOWMAN, SNOWFLAKE, REINDEER, TRADITION, CANDLE, DECORATIONS, HIBERNATE, GELT, GRATEFUL, JOY