

JANUARY 20TH- JANUARY 31ST

# Miss. Mimi's Bi-Weekly Newsletter



## SUBJECTS

### THIS MONTH'S FOCUS:

- ◆ Introduction to new practical life, pretend centers and sensory bins
- ◆ Letter Kk, and Ll
- ◆ Letter centers(tracing, forming, identifying, sensory play)
- ◆ Working on life skill of sewing, weaving, patterning and spacial cognition
- ◆ Introducing different habitats and ecosystems as well as taking about how the cycle of seasons affects those ecosystems

**Art:** We will continue with our sensory exploration of different mediums to make different seasonal crafts

**Math:** We're practicing sequencing and sorting life cycles and animal habitats.

**Science :** We will be discussing a variety of habitats with a focus on arctic animals. We will also be learning about life cycles of penguins.

**Writing/ Literacy:** Working on last name recognition. We are also working on identifying some sight words and writing them with a model to use as a reference.

**Centers:** Various activities designed to help strengthen fine motor skills such as pincer and tripod grips, finger dexterity, and in hand manipulation. Includes sensory bins, practical life center which is designed to help student with there transferring, dry pouring, opening and closing, and additional skills, puzzle making, building with magnets and blocks and more. Additionally, continuing the letter of the week center which is a multisensory experience tracing, forming, identifying and matching the letter of the week.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

1/20: MLK Jr. Day (school closed)

1/29: Chinese New Year (school open)

**Vocabulary words:** Winter, snowy, frost, snowflake, snowman, scarf, snow hat, coat, jacket, snow boots, habitat, ecosystem, arctic, polar bear, penguin, arctic fox, shoe hare, sew, weave, stitch, needle, thread, canvas

**Letter of the Week:** We will be reviewing Kk and Ll

**Color:** Review of all our colors and introducing silver and gold

**Shape:** Review of all the shapes with a focus on common regular polygons (squares, pentagon, hexagons, octagons)

### UNITS OF STUDY

**Circle Time:** Learning Days of the Week, Months of the Year songs, the weather and spelling the day and month and the Pledge of Allegiance and begin learning my country tis of the in English. Also, working on being able to sit attentively and being respectful listeners when others talk as we take turns speaking.

**Spanish:** Learning 1-20 and the days of the week, month, weather words and introducing colors and feelings in Spanish. Also working on common greetings such as hello, good morning, how are you? and my name is....

**ASL:** Introducing the concept and usage of ASL to learn weather signs and some letters (M,T,W,H,F) for the days as well as the letter of the week, weather and emotion words.

**Life Skills:**We will be learning how to weave with ribbons as a pre-sewing skill. We will practice spacial cognition as the students practice matching starting points when weaving. We will also practice threading a needle, sewing a precut pattern and completing a sewing project.