

Shepherd of the Hill Preschool

January 2012 Newsletter



"... be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you."



4's Field Trip

Tuesday, January 24th

"Jack and the Beanstalk"

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Lewis University, Romeoville

We will depart at 9:45 am - and return at approximately 11:45 am

Drop off and pick up schedule remains
the same for today

Please remember if you see the "little green guy" in our driveway this means we have not returned yet and cars should remain behind the green guy until we return.

4's SHOW & TELL DAY!

Tuesday, January 17th

Please have your child bring in their favorite Christmas present.
Please make sure it fits in their backpack or just provide a
picture if it is too big to bring.



January Birthdays:

Isabella Mudore - 4th
Roman Rodriguez - 5th
Tristan Humm - 5th
Ian Allen - 22nd
Cole Rickerson - 15th



1/2 Birthdays:

We will begin to celebrate 1/2 birthdays
for our Summer babies

Christian Gotts - June 8th
Ethan Andrews - June 20th
Giana Turek - June 22nd
Tim Acosta - June 27th
Owen Likins - June 28th

Classroom Corner



Mrs. Naylor's Class (4's Language)

Happy New Year! We are going to start January with a review of the letter "Y". Although we did do some activities with "Y" before break, I would like to refresh everyone's memory with a review. Plus, it ties perfectly into welcoming the New "Y"ear! Along with reviewing "Y", we will also cover the sounds, signs and written letters W, M & Z. Our focus will mainly be on the sounds at the beginning of words but as we finish out the month, students will be listening for sounds at the end of words also.

The wintery tale, "The Mitten", will be used to sequence story events, make predictions and reinforce the letter "M" throughout our activities. As January comes to a close we will identify "Z" at the beginning and end of words using activities related to the theme "Our bodies".

Mrs. Richardson's Class (3's Language)

The students will be introduced to the letters M, W and Z this month. We will incorporate the letter M into our warm winter theme. We will be reading Jan Brett's, *The Mitten*. The letter W will go along with our arctic animal theme. We will be discussing the arctic and what types of animals live there. They will be introduced to the walrus for the letter W and the book *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear?* Lastly, we will close our so snowy themed week with a giant indoor snowball fight. They will be introduced to the letter Z and we will be reading *The Snowy Day*. Some of the center activities will be matching letter mittens, fishing for arctic animals and jumping from iceberg to iceberg.



3's Thanksgiving Feasts 2011



Should it ever snow...

Emergency School Closings

Listen to radio stations: WJOL 1340 AM, 96.7 FM, WMAQ 67 AM, WLS 890 AM and B96 FM. We will be closed when the Lockport High School District and surrounding grade school districts are closed. If schools are open and you do not feel safe taking your child out, please follow your own judgment.

Classroom Corner (cont'd)



Mrs. Pedigo's & Mrs. Lavelle's Classes (3's & 4s Math & Science)

We will start January off with matching mittens and counting marshmallows to put into "hot chocolate." Animals that live in cold climates will be explored along with how other animals prepare for winter. Our third week will include counting buttons to put on snowmen and observing what happens to ice and snow as it gets warm. The 3s will be working on the number 6 and the 4s will be working on numbers 7 & 8. The last week will focus on our bodies and ways to stay healthy. Activities revolving around the color blue and triangles will also fill our month of January.

Mrs. Salutric's Class (4's Gross Motor)

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and I wish you a fantastic new year. The children have learned how to spell their first names without looking at them, hooray! Now it is time to move on to our last names. During snack time the students will say and spell their last names while jumping to each letter of their name.

This month the students will have a "Winter Warm Up" relay race. They will run as fast as they can to put on a coat, mittens, hat and scarf. We will practice zipping and buttoning our winter coats. The children will "ice skate" around the gym like penguins on ice as we discuss Arctic Animals. We will march to the music while we pretend to have a snowball fight. They will roll a large "snowball" through an obstacle course and have some fun. Let's hope for snow so we can head outside and go sledding. (TBA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, "SHOW AND TELL" DAY. Have your child bring their favorite Christmas present. Please make sure it fits in their backpack.

Mrs. Chimino's Class (3's & 4's Fine Motor)

Happy New Year! In the month of January students will practice recognizing and printing the letters Mm, Ww and Zz. Art projects and manipulatives to enhance these letters will be used daily. Our fine motor shelves are filled with new and exciting activities using our colors, letters and numbers of the month. These activities have much to do with the cold and snowy (hopefully!) month of January. Please encourage cutting at home along with printing first and last names. Keep warm!



4S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
REHEARSAL

FANTASTIC JOB !!

