



Panda January News

Thank You!! Thank You!!

Happy New Year!!!

We would like to thank Talia's mom, Kimberly, for coming in and sharing Hannukah with us.

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a relaxing vacation. We had so much to do in December. We touched upon three great holidays; Hanukkah, Kwanza and Christmas. We read many books, sang lots of songs, and created a lot of art projects. Some of our favorites included: Menorahs, mittens, trees and Rudolf.

We would like to thank Brendan's mom, Megan, and Crosby's mom, Wendy, for coming in and sharing Christmas with us.

What will January bring?

We would also like to thank Martine and her family for the playdough.

This month we will be trying new and healthy foods. We will create and try something new each day for snack. Some foods some of us may have already tried and some will be new. We will be putting a sign up sheet on the door if anyone wants to bring in a yummy snack. We will even be making a Panda Cookbook. We are asking that each family submit a favorite recipe of theirs so we can publish it. Please submit it the way you want it to be published. You can email me a copy of the recipe, handwrite it, or have it typed. Whatever is easiest for you. Please have these to me by Jan. 21st. The book will be in 2 parts. The adult recipes are in the front, the ones the children made are in the back. It is fun to do and I just love new recipes to try.

The housekeeping area is being turned into a grocery store. Please send in any empty grocery boxes or jars so we can pretend with it. Make sure it is cleaned and is safe for play. No glass. Thanks.

Since there will be a lot of smelling and tasting going on, we thought it would be fitting to have our science unit on the 5 senses. We will start out by sniffing out some great smells. If you have anything that your child wants to share that has a interesting smell, please bring it in. We will have fun at circle trying to figure it out just by using our sense of smell.

We will also be discussing snow and the cold weather. Speaking of snow and the cold, if your child does NOT have snow boots and snow pants, they must stay on the black top and are not able to go out into the snow with their friends. Please remember to bring snow boots and pants so we will have no heart broken children. The children are learning to put on their own snow gear. We would like it if you can practice with your child. Believe me, I know how short on time we all are, but the more practice they get, the faster they will learn how to do it all by themselves!



We will also be starting back up the alphabet with the letters M, N, O and P. We will be having a pajama day on Tues. Jan. 26th and Wed. Jan. 27th. Please have your child wear their pajamas to school that day. No slippers please.

Skills, Skills, Skills...

This month brings us cutting skills. You can help by letting your child cut out pictures in magazines, old holiday cards, or anything that looks fun and inviting. (Supervised, of course!) A typical 3-4 year old should be able to cut a straight line and begin to cut out shapes.



All About Me

In January, we will be talking about our bodies, including our 5 senses. We will have some great activities that we will ask your help with. More information to follow. We plan on incorporating some pre math charting skills, too. (Be on the lookout to see how many of us have blue eyes, compared to those who have brown...or who has long hair and who has short hair...just to name a few!)

Reminders

- * We are closed Monday, Jan. 18h
- * We have many Pandas who have not yet been Panda of the Day. The sign up sheet is on the Parent board, so please make sure you sign up for a day. I would like to have them done by May 1st. Thanks!
- * Please check your child's cubby for extra clothes and make sure they fit. Some cubbies are empty.
- * We do go out **every** day so please remember snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. Even if it's to walk out the front door and walk around to the back door. There is a nice little hill in the back that we like to use to go sledding on!



And Lastly

We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sandy, Ginny, and Becca