

January Puppy News

with Wendy and Beth

Happy New Year!
Welcome to
2010!

Dates and Reminders:

Closed...1st for New Years Day, & 18th for MLK Day
Re open from winter break...4th
Music...6th, 14th, and 20th
Hot Lunch...12th and 20th
Enrichment...25th @ 10am for Puppy Class, 10:30am for Pandas/Penguins ... Walpole Dental Assoc.

Letter of the Week:

J= 1/4/10= Jack
K=1/11/10=?
L=1/18/10=Lily C.
M=1/25/10=Eva
N=2/1/10= You know who you are.



Last Month...

It was so exciting to decorate for the holidays, and a little messy... lots of glitter everywhere in the classroom! The children seemed so happy to tell of what was going on in their home with the family during the holiday seasons. We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and the winter break and is ready to get back into the swing of things. We want to thank everyone for the wonderful gift from the parents association and all of you. Also, thank you for your personal gifts as well, you are all so kind and generous.... thank you for thinking of us at this time of year, it is truly appreciated.



Puppy Class vs. Snow Storm....In some cases the snow won!!!! Wow, it is tough going out there in the snow when your legs are that close to the ground!!! We sure had fun trying to get around and move in it. Many snow angels were made. The snow storm leads us right into our next months theme...winter and snow. We will have so much fun talking about the snow and what our families like to do in the snow. We would like each family to talk with your puppy student and find out what the family enjoys doing in the snow during the winter and write it down on a peice of paper and put it in the "Notes to the Teacher's" basket above the lunch shelf.



Happy New Year! Welcome to 2010! The children are excited to change from saying 2009 to 2010 at calendar time.

This month as we said, we will talk about winter and the things we can do in the snow as well as things we wear in the winter. We will have snowflakes, snowballs, be making snowmen and ice skating ...all in our classroom! How can this happen, you ask? Very easily when you use your imagination...and white cotton balls! (Can you guess what is at the top of this months donation list....bags of white cotton balls, maybe?) We will play in the real stuff outside, but we will also enjoy our own "snow" in the classroom. We will work on dressing ourselves...doing as much for our selves as we can. Our pretend snowmen will need the correct clothes to go outside too...the children can help them get dressed too.

Sports/Math/Science/Textures...

This month we will continue hockey, but add sledding and pretend skating for our sports...moving our bodies in space in relation to others...hmm that can be tough. Winter and snow will be factors for our math and textures areas. Snowmen and snow flakes to be counted and felt. Snow will be brought in from outside to use as well. Science will also focus on the 5 senses. Wow, we will be doing a lot this month.

Parent Tips and Reminders...

- Remember to check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothes in case of accidents or falling in the mud or snow.
- We will try to go out each day during winter weather so we will need snow pants and boots available...you can leave an extra set at school in a bag if you'd like...NOTE: Our playground gets very muddy and wet from now until Aprilplease be aware of this when dressing for school...we would hate for a favorite special outfit to be ruined while having fun outside.
- Have you asked your child to be a helper lately? They are all very willing to help with some grown-up tasks...you should try it...might help you out too!

Kindergarten Readiness...

We will be doing more matching and looking for patterns as well as noticing the difference in sizes. Our calendar will have a pattern throughout the month with the shapes that are on it. Take a look at the calendar and see if you can find the pattern.

We will also be talking about what comes first, next, and last. This works on sequencing steps in the right order. What do we put on first ... our coat or our snow pants? And as we said, we'd be working on those self help dressing skills. Sequencing and patterning are all wonderful pre-reading skills!

We will also try making a big snowman. Which snowball do we need first big, little, or medium? Where should the eyes go? What about the buttons? How about the scarf? We are using some serious thinking skills and predicting skills for this one. Should be fun!

Donations...

White cotton balls ,the small water bottles(the lunch box size), marshmallows (large and small), and 1small bottle of Joy dish soap, all for January.

February... we will need square stickers (to act as stamps) and 2 blank CD's with your child's name on them. Thanks!

During the month of February we will talk about music...**if you play an instrument and would like to come in a play for us, please let us know.**...maybe a couple of parents who play could get together and play for us...that would be cool! Just set it up with the teachers! (Please let us know what you can do to help...thanks.) *We will for the first week of Feb. need you to bring in a copy of your child's favorite song on a CD. You will get it back at the END of Feb.*