

# **Mrs. Duerr's**

## **January News (5A)**

### **Welcome Back!**

I hope all of you had a fun and relaxing winter break, spending time with family and celebrating Jesus' birth.

### **Dressing for the weather.**

Winter is definitely here, so it's important to dress for the weather. I will try and remember to have a note on the white board outside our room letting you know if we are going outside. Sadly, until there is snow – we probably won't be going outside much.

### **Parent Observations**

January is parent observation month. Sign-up sheets will be posted at school similar to those for conferences for those parents who wish to come. Observation times will be available through January and into February until all parents who wish to come and observe have had an opportunity to do so. A schedule is included at the end of the newsletter so that you can choose a time that works best for you and gives you an opportunity to observe your child during an activity time of your choice.

### **Thank You!**

Thanks so much for the wonderful class gifts! We appreciate them so much – it will be nice to have some new items to rotate in and out of the room. It's always exciting for the kids to find new things when they come into the room. Thank you SO much!

### **Special Dates:**

**Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> -**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL

**Week of January 23<sup>th</sup> -**

Visit from Organella

**January Themes:**

Throughout the month of January, we will be focusing on the various aspects of winter – talking about snowflakes, snowmen and animals in the winter. We will also be talking about taking care of our bodies and learning about our five senses.

**Week of:**

**Jan. 19:** Letter "M"

Book Focus: "The Mitten" and "The Hat" by Jan Brett

**Jan. 16:** Letter "N"

Book Focus – story of Noah's Ark

**Jan. 23:** Letter "O"

Taking care of our bodies / Our Five Senses

**Jan. 30:** Letter "P"

Taking care of our bodies / Our Five Senses (cont.)

**January bible verse:**

"How good it is to sing praise to our God"



Psalms 147:1

God Bless your day and week! As always – please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

*Kris Duerr* ☺

**Parent observation info:**

Our Daily Schedule is as follows: (times can vary somewhat – but we follow this pretty closely)

**12:00 – 12:45** – Choice time

(also involves a writing, small group, or art activity depending on the day.)

**12:50 – 1:15** – circle/story time

**1:15 – 1:40** – Writing, art or small group activity – depends upon the day.

**1:55 – 2:10** – Snack time

**2:15 – 2:25** – Large motor activity (big room, parachute, etc).

Look on the sign-up sheets available to determine if the time you are signing up for will be a more teacher-directed or child-directed time. Some parents prefer to come to observe how his/her child plays on their own and with their classmates, while others would rather see them in a more directed activity.

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Happy New Year - see you Thursday!	3	4	5 Welcome back!	6	7
8	9 Colin	10 Jake	11 Happy 1/2 Birthday Logan!	12 Happy Birthday Mehsa!	13	14
15	16 MLK Jr. Day - No School	17 Mya	18 Thomas	19 Madison	20	21
22	23 Kayleigh	24 Colin	25 Jake	26 Logan	27	28
29	30 Mehsa	31 Mya				

5A Snack Calendar