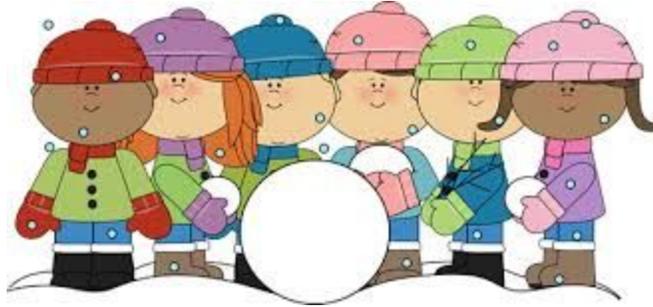


# January News

Room 101- Sarah Mitchell



**Happy New Year!** I hope you all enjoyed a fun and restorative break. After two restful weeks, I know I am eager to begin the new year with the kids and I have a lot of fun activities planned.

## **Learning Themes-** Winter and Art & Artists

This month we will be embracing the season that makes us Minnesotan- Winter! We will be reading a variety of books (fiction and non-fiction) that highlight the winter we see and feel. In addition, we will read stories about famous artists and the students will have opportunities to make their own masterpieces based on their art. It's such a fun unit and it provides a chance for kids to explore different styles and media.

## **January Dates**

### **NO School**

Monday- Thursday, Dec 31-January 3

Monday, January 21

### **Field Trip- The Works**

Wednesday, January 16

**Coming up in February... Healthy Hearts, Kids Teach Kids, Valentine's Day, Conferences**

## **More about this month...**

**Sharing-** After two weeks of break, the kids have a lot to share! I'm opening this month's sharing up to anything your child wants to tell the class about. As always, it's best to review what your student will say and highlight with whatever they choose to share. Next month we will begin a Kids Teach Kids format where your student will teach the class something. Start thinking of ideas now and I'll send more details next month!

**Conference Prep-** This month I will begin some assessments of the kids that we can discuss at conferences in February. My goal is that these will be fun and the kids won't even notice! It's fun to see how much they've grown and learned!

**Winter fun!** Please continue to send all that winter gear each day. When packing purple bags at home, it's helpful to put lunchboxes and shoes on top so the kids can get to them easily upon arrival.

**As always,** please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, updates, etc. either in person, by phone or text (612-810-5906), or by email ([smitchell@lakeharrietumpreschool.org](mailto:smitchell@lakeharrietumpreschool.org)).