

# JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

## Room #104 - Mrs. Jordan

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a terrific winter break. The children have been having fun in the "Fitness Center". It has been fun watching them doing sit ups, lifting weights, balancing etc. The dramatic play area will become a puppet theater where the children will take turns being a puppeteer, audience member etc.

### January Focus

### Calendar Dates:

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Number book page due & T-shirt Tuesday

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> -Wednesday Show & Tell (kid's choice)

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Music with Ms. Sherry

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - Preschool closed

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> - PJ day  
Wear your pajamas to school.

We will be reading and stories and doing art projects that relate to winter. We will also start working on number concepts - learning to recognize numbers, counting and playing number bingo. We will be talking about what animals are doing this time of year.

### Mailboxes and coat hooks

The children are going to help me mix up their mailboxes and coat hooks. We will also be adding their last name to their boxes and hooks. It is fun watching them look for their name and so happy when they find it.

### Walking around the alphabet

The letters we will focus in this month are Ee, Yy & Gg. We will look for the letters in our classroom, in books and magazines as well as talking about how each letter sounds. We will focus on words that begin with the letters we are working on.

### Numbers

We will be making a number book. A note went home the week before break. Your page will be due on Tuesday, January 9th. We will also start an estimation jar. Each child will get a turn to fill the estimation jar for the other children to guess (estimate) how many items are in the jar. Examples of items to put in the jar: Lego's, noodles, jellybeans, Barbie shoes, etc. (less than 100) The jar goes home on Monday and returned the next day for us to estimate, then we will figure out who was closest. We will learn to count by ones, fives and tens.

### Science Experiments

We have been having fun doing science experiments. The children are getting good at asking questions, making a hypothesis, making observations & processing the data to make a conclusion.

### PJ Day

Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> will be Pajama Day. Your child can wear their pajama's to school, they can also bring slippers and a stuffed animal. We will be watching a video about day and night with our friends from the other classes and having breakfast for snack.

## Star of the week

This is a special time for your child; they get to be the "Star" for a week. Please bring a poster with pictures etc. to display on their special bulletin board. They also can bring show and tell everyday they are the "Star". You will get a reminder note the week before it is your child's turn. Let me know if you have any questions.

Week of:

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Jordan

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Vivien

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Olivia

The Star of the week will be our person to call names to line up. I am going to try adding a twist to calling of names. I will be asking the children to describe something about the other children: such as the color of their clothes, type of shoes, the letter that their name starts with etc.

## Corduroy

Corduroy continues his adventures with our classmates. Last month he spent time at Vivien, Jackson and Elliot's houses and it sounds like he had fun. Corduroy comes to your house for a weekend to stay with you. Have fun and don't forget to take him with you on any adventures you may go on. I will give you a page that you can draw or put a picture on and then tell a little about what Corduroy did with your family. Corduroy is almost ready for another adventure. I will have another sign up for those that want a second turn to have Corduroy for another weekend at the end of January.

## Happy Birthday

Olivia's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

We will be celebrating each child's birthday as close as we can to their day (or  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday, if their birthday is in the summer). Your child may bring a special birthday treat for snack that day. Many parents like to come on that day to have snack with the class and read a story of your child's choosing before we go outside. Please let me know if you would like to come. Thanks.

## Thanks to:

- Kate (Greta's mom), Tayna (Elliot's mom) & Debbie (Charlie's mom) for helping us trace and decorate life size pictures of us. We will be displaying them when it is your child's turn to be the Star of the week. Thanks.

## Looking Ahead

- Preschool auction is coming in February, we are making an classroom basket, our theme is "Arts and Crafts". We will be collecting donations for the basket or money for items the week of January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Fieldtrip on Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> to Richardson Nature Center.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

- Mrs. Jordan