

# JANUARY 2019 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> - T-shirt  
Tuesday

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

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday  
Number book page due

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> - Preschool  
closed

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> - Animal day  
Bring an animal to  
school

We will be talking about animals; the children all picked an animal they want to learn more about. Some of the animals we will be learning about are: elephants, monkeys and lions. We will start working on number concepts - learning to recognize numbers, counting and playing number bingo.

### 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 will go home on Monday. Your page will be due on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Fieldtrip

We will be going to the Works on Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup>. Drop off and pick up times stay the same, be sure to wear your green preschool t-shirt on that day. The Works is an interactive children's museum that focuses on technology and engineering.

### Science Experiments / STEM activities

Thanks Nola for showing us how to make water walk and mixing colors. Thanks Crosby and Ames for helping their moms teach us about how to move our muscles and how to play a fun movement game. 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.

## Animal day

Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> will be Animal Day. We have been learning about animals this month and thought it would be fun to end it with a day of fun with animals. Your child can bring an animal to school.

## 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. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Jordan
	Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tycho
	Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	No Star
	Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Solomon

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 Tycho and Crosby'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 ready for another adventure. There is a sign up for those that want a second turn to have Corduroy for another weekend.

## Happy Birthday

Phoenix's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 14<sup>th</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:

- Tori (Tycho's mom) for helping us make snowflakes.
- Mary (Evelyn's mom), Meaghan (Solomon's mom) & Kelly (Cora'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.

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

- Mrs. Jordan