



January 2012 Newsletter  
Ms. Christine and Ms. Danica  
Three Day Class

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We hope that you and your family had a wonderful vacation and enjoyed all the holiday festivities. Ms. Danica and I have chosen "Curl Up With A Good Book" as our theme for the month of January. The children will learn all about the different kinds of books. We will enhance their vocabulary by introducing new words such as *Author* and *Illustrator* and give them an opportunity to make a book of their own. We will also incorporate the winter weather into our curriculum by reading books and doing activities related to hibernating and migrating, again new and interesting vocabulary words!

Some examples of our activities planned are the "Alphabet Bear Match Game" where the children search the classroom to find a "bear" with a letter on it and return it to the alphabet strip on the floor to see if the can "match" the same letters. In another activity we use another set of bears holding shapes and the children will match the shape to the one the bear is holding. For some children this may seem like such an easy task for others it is a bit challenging. Either way their feeling of pride when completing this task is amazing!!

Fortunately (or unfortunately) the winter weather has not brought us snow. But hopefully it will and we can bring the snow inside to fill our Sensory Table and again, get that real hands-on experience and of course, have a lot of fun with it.

On **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** we will have a Pajama Party during class! The children should be sent in wearing their pajamas. Ms. Danica and I will be wearing ours too! Each child can also bring in a SMALL blanket or sleeping bag to snuggle in during our Story Time and for building caves. A pajama party would not be complete without the children having a very special stuffed animal so please allow your child to bring in one of their stuffed animals from home(preferably an animal that hibernates). Along with all the excitement we will read stories related to animals and hibernation. Since most children have similar blankets, we ask that you put your child's name on it somewhere. Even if it doesn't have a tag

for you to write on, a piece of masking tape on the corner with their name on it will work.

All Scholastic Book Orders should be placed on-line or handed into us by **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please let us know if you need any ordering information.

On top of all that we will still have time to highlight the color **BLUE** and the **RECTANGLE** shape. Please have your child wear something blue on Thursday and bring in a rectangle item on **Friday, January 27th**.

### Mark your calendar:

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - Progress reports go home  
Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed  
Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> - Pajama Day/Book Orders due  
Friday, January 27th - **Blue** Day/Rectangle Day

### Inclement Weather Information:

\* Weather related closings/delays: Any weather related school closings or delays will be listed on **Channel 5** under **Joyful Learning/Southbrook Academy**.

Please call the school before driving in the snow. If you do not speak to a live person you may want to try again. Safety is our main concern!

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, we would be happy to try to answer them for you.

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