

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY . . .



For January, we are going to get right back into the swing of things. For the first week, we will focus on rebuilding routine and structure. We will continue with our handwriting program, our animated literacy program, and our Social thinking program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 11th	School resumes
January 22nd	HipKids project due
February 11th and 12th	Valentine's Day parties
February 15th	No school - Family Day

JUST A NOTE . . .

1. Our HipKids project this month is “Make Winter Fun”
January can be a hard month for some, with the holidays over and long cold wintery days ahead. We want to share fun things to do outside as a family. Some ideas are

- * Give plastic squeeze bottles or Jell-o molds and food coloring for snow art.
- * Give snowman materials like buttons and a carrot to decorate him
- * Give hot chocolate packets or S'mores supplies.
- * Give bird seed bells or Crazy Carpet sleds.

You can also write out your favorite winter things to do as a family. Your ideas will be shared with the families we serve.

Your project is due January 22nd.

3. Two theme parties will be offered this month:

*** Dr. Seuss Saturday, January 9th 10am - 12pm**

Dr. Seuss amuses children and parents alike. With the ridiculous and silly story lines and the rhyming nature, kids are drawn to these stories. A selection of Dr. Seuss stories will be presented and then developed further through games, creativity, and food. Children are welcome to bring their own Dr. Seuss story to share.

*** Dinosaur Jam Saturday, January 30th 10am - 12pm**

Romp! Stomp! Roar! Children love the vast size, the ferociousness, and the mystery of these fantastic creatures. Using factual information and their imagination, we will create 2 hours of fun. We will explore different types of dinosaurs, fossils and even erupt a volcano!

Each class costs \$20/child and a minimum of 4 children per class are required to run the class. Please let me know if you are interested.

Recommended Activities at Home

3yr olds

1. Letter and sound recognition in individual words
2. Tracing letters in name/Writing name in uppercase letters
3. Counting consecutively from 1 - 10
4. Identifying basic shapes
5. Understanding sequencing of events
6. Following multi-step directions

7. Tracing lines and curves
8. Sorting items in different ways
9. Waiting to speak
10. Using words to express thoughts and emotions

4yr olds

1. Letter and sound recognition in individual words
2. Writing first and last name/writing in lowercase letters
3. Counting consecutively from 1 - 20
5. Identifying basic and more difficult shapes
6. Understanding the sequencing of events
7. Following multi-step directions
8. When writing letters, always starting at the top.
9. Tracing lines and curves
10. Waiting to speak
11. Identifying different patterns
12. Using words to express thoughts and emotions