

Diamond Street Newsletter

January 2018



WARBLERS: Happy New Year! It's time to enjoy what the cold weather gives us SNOW. If we get snow this month the infants will be able to discover it in the room. A bucket will be placed outside for us to bring inside. We will explore the snow by itself and then we will add some color, and put it in baggies to watch the snow melt. At the end of the month we will continue with the cold by painting with ice cubes. Be on a look out for new pictures on our Instagram bulletin board of the little ones discovering snow.

BLUEBIRDS: Happy New Year! We look forward to spending 2018 together learning and growing with your children. Our focus for the month will be Winter. We will have some fun exploring watercolors on ice and we will have a pretend snowstorm inside! If we do get some more of the real snow, we will bring some inside for your children to explore!

ROBINS: Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great holiday with your families! This month we will be talking about snow and winter animals. We will also be talking about hibernation. We will be having a spirit week at the end of the month, be on the lookout for more information to come!

HUMMINGBIRDS: Happy New Year! During the month of January, the Hummingbird children will celebrate the New Year and learn about winter, arctic animals, various versions of the folktale The Mitten, and Space. We will continue to explore the alphabet with learning games and activities.

We will focus on learning to trace and/or write our names and recognizing the numbers 0-10.

CARDINALS: In January we start out the New Year with learning about time, what clocks do for us and why we need time. We then explore snow and how unique snowflakes are. We will make our own snowflakes and even snow globes. We move into snow animals and talk about what animals like to be in the snow as well as where they live. To finish off our month we will talk about shapes and where we see them. Stop signs, rectangle doors and square tiles on the floor.

SWANS: When we come back to school, we are going to spend some time reviewing our class rules and behavior expectations. Then we will move right into our Winter theme. Maybe we will even have some snow to explore! After that we will start to learn about our bodies-hearts, lungs, muscles and more! Kids love to learn how their bodies work. We will continue our letter pages; we are up to letter M now. Magnets have been popular in our class, so we will continue to have out magnetic toys to explore.

ORIOLES (PRE-K COUNTS): In January, the Orioles will be exploring all about winter. The first week back to school we will learn about hibernation and signs of winter. Then we will do a book study about The Mitten by Jan

Brett. The children will also learn about ice, snow, and experiment with states of matter. The Orioles will also begin working in their writing journals, and we will share the stories with the class. We will also learn about letters O, G, and H as well as learn about patterns and symmetry.

KINDERGARTEN: Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with friends and family. We are ready to refocus on Kindergarten and build upon our reading and writing skills we have been working so hard on! Students will continue to learn new sight words and work on proper word and sentence structure by using a mental checklist of correct spacing, using a capital letter at the beginning, and a period at the end of a sentence. We will continue to explore addition in math, along with working on numbers 11-20. We will also continue our study of fiction versus nonfiction books and practice retelling them. In science, we will be comparing living and nonliving things, along with talking about habitats of animals. Welcome back Kindergarten!

EAGLES: The children enjoyed their Secret Santa Exchange. Thank so much to all the families that contribute gifts to this fun activity. We will be spending some time outside in the afternoon, weather permitting, when the children return to DSECC. Please send your children with the appropriate outdoor wear. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Diamond Street Happenings

Snow Weather is upon us!

Please be sure to send extra clothing appropriate for the weather. Please also send clothing appropriate for the winter weather if the temperature permits us to go outside.



We hope that you had a wonderful holiday and DSECC is looking forward to the New Year ahead!

Parent Café:

Come out and join us for a parent café on Thursday January 18th from 6:30 to 8:00.

Family Calendars:

If you are in need of a family calendar, feel free to stop into the office and pick up a copy.

