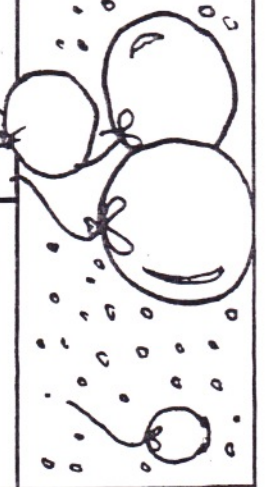
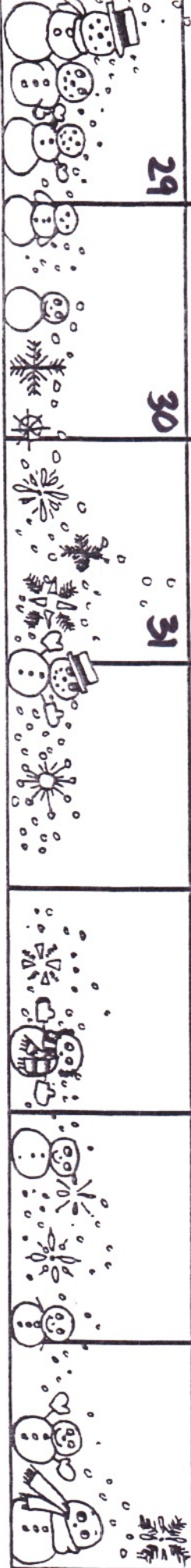




# JANUARY



| Sunday | Monday                             | Tuesday | Wednesday                        | Thursday         | Friday                                  | Saturday |
|--------|------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|---|----------|
| 1      | 2                                  | 3       | 4<br>Children's Librarian Visits | 5                | 6<br>Sharing                            | 7        |
| 8      | 9                                  | 10      | 11                               | 12               | 13<br>Sharing                           | 14       |
| 15     | 16<br>CLOSED<br>in Luther King Day | 17      | 18                               | 19<br>Pajama Day | 20<br>Sharing                           | 21       |
| 22     | 23                                 | 24      | 25<br>Brown Bag Lunch            | 26               | 27<br>Sharing<br>Mother's Nature Visits | 28       |
| 29     | 30                                 | 31      |                                  |                  |   |          |



Dear Parents,

In my eyes, there are two especially wonderful gifts that only January can bring. First, there's that crisp, new and totally unmarked calendar resting on my desk. The second is the inevitable feeling of calm and peace after the chaos and hoopla of the holidays.

During the coming weeks, our classrooms will be exciting and inviting with many things to investigate and create. We welcome a New Year, celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr., and look forward to a visit from Mother Nature and her Bearded Dragon. Yikes! We are thrilled to bring everyone back together from holiday celebrations, setting our sights on some serious playing and learning.

Congratulations to the Cool Cats and Busy Bees who collected \$76.20 in donations for Kids Against Hunger. This worthy program provides one nutritious meal a day for children at food pantries in the U.S. and at refuge camps throughout the world. Way to go Cool Cats and Busy Bees!

I love January for the expectancy and promise it carries with resolutions to strive for and goals to reach for. Each year at this time, it's natural for us

to reflect over the past year and resolve to change things about ourselves, our families, and our lives. This year, when I thought about the countless resolutions I have made (and, unfortunately, quickly broken!), I decided on a different type of promise or resolution to myself. I am determined to experience and appreciate my day-to-day life with an increased sense of joy and contentment.

Wishing all of you a year of happiness, health and peace.

### Pre-School Peek

During the month of January, our Mud Puppy and Bunny Rooms will focus on colors. Look for special, creative creations out of our little ones as they explore a variety of mediums, including paints, watercolors, block prints, and a variety of textures.

In the Teddy Bear and Panda Bear classrooms, themes include Winter, Cars, and Teddy Bears, the colors blue and pink and hearts.

The WizKid curriculum for January will include themes of Snowflakes and Icicles, Wheeling About, and Once Upon A Time. Letter focus will be on M, N and O, while number focus will include 11 and 12. The shape of the month is circle and the color is blue.

The Cool Cats will be learning about cold weather animals and January weather. Letters of the month are P, Q and R, and number focus will be counting to 50.

The Busy Bees have been hard at work learning all about the calendar, the days of the week and the month. They have been attempting to predict the weather each day. This month's focus will be on primary colors, and will include plenty of hands-on experience in mixing and creating colors.

#### ACROSS THE BOARD

Our Spanish words for January are los platos (dishes), el leon (lion), and cinco (five).

Sign words this month are smell, help and taste.

Yoga stretches for January are Warrior Pose and Triangle Pose.

#### Happy Birthday To You!

**Keira Galligan**

**Roman Marion**

**Andrew Gerth**

**Molly Wolfe**

**Libby Grove**

**Bryce Colpo**

**Louise Halkyard**

**Elizabeth Herzner**

**Taylor Wert**

**Cole Goldschmidt**

**Victoria Holes**

**Emmett O'Neal**

**Grace Mendez**

**Brian Vann Layne**

**Anna Pratap**

**George Wirtz**