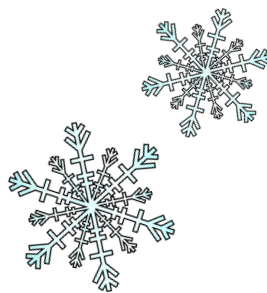


# Preschool For All

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Clothing • Winter



**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

We hope you have a wonderful holiday and enjoyed your winter break! Last month, students read different versions of *The Gingerbread Man*, did a story retell activity, and created gingerbread houses with family. It was so fun to see all of the gingerbread house photos you sent! Students also finished up our Tree Study and learned about animals that hibernate.

As we return from full remote learning, we will be changing our Classroom Meeting times back to our hybrid learning schedule. A letter was sent with these details via email at the beginning of this month. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about going back to this schedule. I was very proud of all of our preschoolers during the month of December, when we were full remote. Everyone did a great job being engaged, keeping up with activities that worked for your family, and being prepared for Classroom Meetings. Thank you, as always, parents, for being partners in your child's learning—you are wonderful!

In January, story time and small group activities will focus on winter and snowmen. We will build our names using paper snowballs. Students will also begin the Clothing Study. We will look at what are the features of clothes, how we take care of clothes, special clothes people wear, how we make clothes, and where we get our clothes. Students will use their own clothing, books, and photos for these investigations.

I look forward to a new study and a new year with you, friends!

Kindly,  
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## **Activities for Home**

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With your child...

- talk about seasons and the changes in the weather each day.
- discuss differences between seasons, like what you can do during the month of July that you cannot do during the month of January. Also discuss the different clothing we wear.
- practice writing name, names of favorite characters or family members.
- foster fine motor skills by creating macaroni necklaces or string a bead pattern on to a pipe cleaner.
- make up silly words to rhyme with your child's name.
- point out letters on child's clothing. Talk about other words that start with the letters and the letter sounds.
- encourage independence by guiding your child to put shoes and coat on by themselves.
- read books every day and encourage your preschooler to retell the story in their own words.

## **Important Dates & Reminders**

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- Jan 11 – Return to hybrid learning & Classroom Meeting (Zoom) times will change back to 9:00am for AM students; and 1:00pm for PM students, M-F.
- Jan 18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School