



PRESCHOOL FOR ALL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and relaxing winter break! It is so nice to see all of my friends back at school!

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

December was certainly a busy month! We took a break from our Ball study for a couple weeks to focus on some fun holiday activities. The students enjoyed posing for their pictures and painting their sled for a special surprise for their parents. We played a holiday bingo game, matched presents to the correct letters and used one to one correspondence to count out ornaments onto a tree! We also had a great time creating gingerbread houses with our families in the gym.

This month, we will finish working on our Ball study. We will focus on the questions “What makes balls move?”, “Who uses balls?” and “What are balls made of?”. We are also starting to focus more on our Social-Emotional Curriculum, Al’s Pals. This month, we will be discussing how to handle our feelings, what it means to be a friend and what it means to cooperate. The students enjoy engaging with our puppet friend, Al, to learn some of these important social emotional skills. We will also work on some winter activities as the winter weather sets in!

OUTDOOR TIME

Just a reminder, we try to get outside for our gross motor time when the weather permits. This means we spend time outside when the temperature (with wind chill) is 30 degrees or above, as long as the park/blacktop are not covered in too much snow and ice. Please remember to dress your child appropriately, including warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Also, our large motor time at the park is an important part of our daily schedule and curriculum. To ensure students are receiving their full large motor time at the park, we ask that parents and older siblings picking up students do not approach the park area/fence until preschoolers are lining up to go home. We greatly appreciate your cooperation!

ABSENCES

As we all know, there is a surge in illnesses right now. If your child will be absent for any reason, we ask that you please call the office at (708) 423-3078. The office staff will be able to offer guidance as to when students may return after an illness.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, January 16 – No classes – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- **Monday, January 23 – Optional Parent Presentation regarding Erin's Law presentation – More information to follow soon**
- **Monday, February 20 – No School – President's Day**

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me via Seesaw, call me at (708) 423-3078 or email me at cbrychel@ahsd125.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Colleen Brychel

