



PRESCHOOL FOR ALL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024



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 spent our month focusing on some fun holiday activities. The students enjoyed posing for their pictures and making their snow globes for a special surprise for their parents. We matched presents to the correct letters, used one to one correspondence to count out ornaments onto a tree and we made stockings! We worked on our journals and sang songs to prepare for our school sing-along. We had a great time creating gingerbread houses with our families in the gym and we ended the month with a fun pajama party and enjoyed a special treat of waffles and hot cocoa!

This month, we will begin working on our Tree study. We will focus on the questions “What do we know about trees and what do we want to find out?”, “What are the characteristics of trees?”, “Who lives in trees?” and “What foods come from trees?”. 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.

FIELD TRIP

Our EC/PreK classes will be taking a field trip to the Oak Lawn Children's Museum on Friday, January 26. **All students will attend school from 8:55am until approximately 11:45am.** Space will be limited on this trip so chaperones will be chosen randomly.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, January 15 – No classes – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- **Friday, January 26 – Field Trip to Oak Lawn Children's Museum – 8:55am - 11:45am**
- **Monday, February 19 – 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

