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School Happenings!

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Drive safely and we will see you in 2010!

Mark your calendars:

January

- Monday, January 18
Martin Luther King
Holiday **No School**
- Thursday, Jan. 21st
Hat Day
- Thursday, Jan. 28th
Blue day

January Curriculum

Preschool January Themes— Winter

Waddling Penguins, Cozy Winter Wear

Letters: G, H and I

Color: Blue

Week 1&2—All About Penguins

Week 3—Snowmen and Hats

Week 4—Ice and Mittens

Learning about Penguins and the North and South Pole. Lots of experiments with snow and ice. How long does it take to melt? How long can we hold ice in our hands?

January 21st—HAT Day—*Wear a special hat to celebrate the letter H!*

January 28h—Blue Day with special *Snack!*

Pre-K January Themes—Animals in

Winter, Arctic Animals and People, Ice!

Concepts: Animal Characteristics & Adaptation; Ice Attributes, Diversity

Letters: J, K, L and Review

This is a literacy rich unit with hands on experiments and explorative art! We will be learning how animals adapt staying dry and warm in harsh conditions. Whales have blubber, bears have two coats and penguins have downy feathers!

How do Inuit people live, travel and dress in comparison with us? We will make our own Inuksuk (rock statue marker) and study polar icecaps in our own real ice-environment!

PRE-K STUDENTS— We're big kids now! In preparation for our transition to kindergarten we will soon begin sending the students directly to their classrooms at check-in time over the first few weeks of January. This gives the students a sense of independence and allows them a few extra minutes of time in the classroom. You will probably notice the pride as the "big kids" travel up the stairs or down the hall to class all by themselves. Parents please do not accompany your child to class. If your child is hesitant to go to class on their own ask one of our friendly staff to escort your child.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 4th—School is Back in Session!

January 18th—No School in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 21st—Hat Day (Preschool) Wear your favorite hat

January 28th—Blue Day (Preschool) Wear something blue!

February 1st—Registration for KATC Families begins 8:30 am

February 8th—Registration for KATC Alumni families 8:30 am

February 16th - Open registration for the public 8:30 am



2010-2011 REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Current students will have the opportunity to register prior to the general public. Registration for our families begins February 1. Classes are filled on a first come/first serve basis. Pre-K morning classes fill up quickly so be sure to submit your application early! Our application forms and new parent handbooks will be available at the sign-in tables after January 15. Open house begins January 19 (every Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday 9:30-11:00/1:00-2:30) and public registration begins February 16.

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Welcome Little 3's Class!

Laura Pawley and Christi Dolleman are heading our new little 3's class in the Train room.



Holiday Transition— Our students have been home with the family for the last two weeks and may have difficulty adjusting to coming back to school. There are many new faces joining us on January 1 so don't worry if you little one seems a little hesitant the first week back. Soon we will be back into our normal routine and playing with our new friends.

Looking for a good winter break project??? We are in need of BLUE, GREEN & PURPLE play dough. Here is our secret recipe if you would like to make a batch to bring to school in January.

Combine in a bowl: 3 cups flour, 1 ½ cups salt, 6 tsp cream of tartar, 6 TBS oil, 3 cups warm water, food coloring. Mix together. Cook over low heat until a ball forms. Cool. Knead. Store in Ziploc bag.

