

# JANUARY

## Things that we did the week of January 9

- Our New Year **Nursery Rhyme** theme is underway! Each week 1-2 nursery rhymes are introduced to the children. Reciting, singing, reading, listening, and making related projects are emphasized. A collection of rhymes will be stored and given to each child towards the end of the school year. So far this month we've had lots of fun with "Mary Had a Little Lamb", "The Three Little Kittens", "Jack Be Nimble" (which we even got to jump over our own pretend candlestick!), and "Jack and Jill".
- **Winter/Snow/Mittens** have been on our minds this month so far. Even though our snow totals this winter seem to be way below average, and we had our first "storm" this week, we're still hoping for another BIG SNOW so we can build a snowman! Mitten relay races, mitten memory game, mitten exercise, mitten number, mitten hiding, mitten matching/ordering, mitten letter matching, and mitten mess scatter hunt are just a few activities we are having LOTS of FUN with and we'll continue throughout the month too! We also had fun reviewing our letters. We used mini snowman cards with letters on them. Our job was to match a capital letter with its buddy the lowercase letter. It's a great exercise so each class is taking turns taking them home – we hope everyone is having fun practicing! The letters we've introduced so far this year are: **A, B, C, F, H, I, L, M, N, O, P, R, S, T, W, X** Mrs. Schaefer was quite impressed with how well we did!!!
- The **letter Nn** was introduced this week as well. We learned its sound and signs, practiced tracing and writing Nn, saw Mrs. Schaefer's Secret Nn Box, and did our Nn page for our alphabet book.
- Our **number** this month is **6**. Throughout the month we'll be practicing tracing and writing 6 and doing different activities with number 6 as well. This week and next we will use different actions to exercise and count 6 times, play mitten match memory game using mittens 1-6, and match numbers using dots.
- **Winter** makes us think of many things, so our next topic will be winter animals. Before we head to our field trip on Friday we'll move on to our first winter animal the PENGUIN... we can't wait!!!

### OUR PROJECTS

Snowman Wear booklet  
Snowman w/bunny  
Jack Be Nimble candlestick  
Jack and Jill water bucket  
Hot Cocoa on a Snow Day



## OUR BOOKS

Snow Day

Thomas' Snowsuit

Snow Friends

Snowman Storybook



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 20      **4K FIELD TRIP** La Fleur's Gymnastics/Slinger Piggly Wiggly  
Late Return – 11:30 AM NO 4K PM CLASS
- January 23      **No School** (Teacher In-service/Workday)
- January 26      **4K Report Cards** will be sent home  
You will be notified of your 4K conference time soon.
- February 2      **4K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences** 4:00-8:00 PM
- February 6      **The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School!**
- February 16      **Early Release** 11:30 Dismissal **NO 4K PM CLASS**
- February 16      10<sup>th</sup> Annual **CHILI OPEN**  
**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**
- February 22      **2012 4K Screening Day**
- February 23      **5K Screening**  
(You do NOT need to register your child. He/she will be pulled out of the regular class to be screened.)

Thanks to **Brayden** (AM class) and **Angeliqwe** (PM class) for bringing in Wednesday's Special Snack! It also happened to be Brayden's birthday!!!

## SPECIAL NOTES

\* **A BIG THANK YOU** to **Mrs. Duernberger** (our Librarian) who read a neat winter story to us last week and this week we made our very own **winter birdfeeder**... (One year our floor could have been a birdfeeder alone when we were finished, but we were all very careful this time!) It really was a LOT OF FUN!!! **THANK YOU Mrs. D!!!!**

- Dress your child in **comfortable** (sweatshirts, sweatpants, etc.) and **warm** (the gym is usually cold) **clothes** Friday for our **Gymnastic** -

**Piggly Wiggly Field Trip.** The bus will leave at 8:10 AM and return a bit later: 11:30 AM Please adjust your schedules.

\* Our first **Report Card** and **4K Conferences** are just around the corner. Since conferences are by teacher request for grades 5K-8, the time is only scheduled from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. I don't feel that I will be able to squeeze everyone in during that time. I also like to offer some daytime slots as well to those who would prefer coming earlier. They will be from 11:00 -11:45 AM. Please return the conference request sheet that is being sent home today as soon as possible and your scheduled time will be sent home next week.

\* **Day 100** is getting close! Hopefully you've read the sheet sent home last week and your brainstorming different ways to "wear" something 100! If you have any questions don't hesitate to call.

**Happy Weekend!**

**GO PACK GO!!!**

