

January 2016 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Dear parents, we wish you and your family a happy and prosperous new year! We really appreciate your generosity and support that you have given us this past year.

In the month of January, the children will learn about dinosaurs, their characteristics, unique defense systems and Carnivores vs. herbivores. We will also discuss the parts of the earth such as the inner core, outer core, lower mantle, upper mantle, crust, and the atmosphere. In addition, the children will learn more about the Arctic and Antarctic by studying the maps and comparing the different animals living in each place.

We will have a thoughtful discussion about Martin Luther King Jr and the equal rights that each person has no matter what his/her skin color. In class, all the children are encouraged to talk and solve problems by using words peacefully.

Throughout the school year the children have been presented with many different activities depending on their education levels. In beginner language and math areas, the sounds of letters are introduced by using sandpaper letters, objects, and pictures so that the children can associate the sounds and letters easily by seeing, feeling, and hearing them. To the children you are already aware of the sounds of the letters (i.e. beginning, ending, in the middle sound of the word), The movable Alphabet boxes are presented so that they can start making words such as their names, simple words the short vowels, environment words, animal names, etc.

In math, the younger children will be working on associating numbers by using various concrete materials, for example, spindle boxes, teens beads and boards, number cards, and short chains, etc.

The older children are working on reading words with short vowels, silent 'e', consonant blends, the digraphs; reading books; using addition strip board; Doing skip counting was short chain; and working on bank games depending on their levels. All the children are progressing very nicely and constructively. Most importantly, there is terminally motivated to learn, curious to ask questions, and eager to find out answers!

Reminders:

- 1) Please be aware that the school will be **OPEN** on Monday, January 18, 2016 to commemorate Martin Luther King Junior Day.
- 2) Tuition is due before the 5th of each month. Thank you for your prompt Payments.
- 3) Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

Thanks,

Ms. Yasmin Mumtaz