

January 2012



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your child had a great vacation! We are ready to start the new year with learning more about our beautiful winter season.

Our theme for this month of January is WINTER. We will talk about snowmen, watch snow melting inside, and lots of other fun winter activities. Our Matt & Molly stories will include Molly is Cold and A Sweater for Molly. Our vocabulary/concepts include hot and cold, hat and scarf, shaking and quickly, on and off, big and small, and first, second, and third. We will be focusing on the colors blue, white, and black. Art projects and stories about snowmen and penguins will be included in this month's activities as well. It should be a great time!

Each day when your child arrives in the classroom he or she works on taking off his or her backpack, coat (including unzipping), hat, mittens, and boots; putting the hat and mittens in the backpack, boots on the floor, and hanging the coat and backpack on his or her hook. The last step is getting his or her shoes out of the backpack and putting them on. Each afternoon the children work on taking his or her shoes off and putting their boots, coats (zipping too), hats, and mittens back on. Each child is assisted as necessary, but we are working toward independence with these dressing skills. Be sure to work on dressing skills at home too, and encourage as much independence as possible!

Thank you for all of your involvement and interest!

Cathy



****Attached is an invitation to our Valentines Day Party on Friday, February 8th.****

