

Sprout I News



Happy New Year, and welcome to 2018! Wow, where did 2017 go? The sprouts have been enjoying the cold and snow free play time outside- and so have the teachers. .. sometimes. Thank you to all the parents for making sure your sprout has warm winter wear. It is very nice to be able to bundle them up when it is a very cold day.

In December, we all had a very **Magical Holiday**. All the sprouts really enjoyed reading and singing at circle time. When we sang the 5 Little Reindeer song, **Chloe** would hop up and down and loudly sing, "Put them to bed!" We have started a new activity at circle time. We call it the "**Keeping Safe Poem**". Each sprout gets a picture of themselves to hold, and then Ms. Amy or Ms. Teresa will say to them, "It is our job to keep you safe, and it is your job to keep the room safe." This is part of the Conscious Discipline Social-Emotional curriculum we have adopted. They are all doing a great job with this, and they help remind their friends about keeping the room safe.

During room activity time, everyone had fun playing with all the holiday activities. **Pierce** had fun taking the tools and fixing the shelf, cubbies and anything else he could find to fix. When he was done fixing them he would tell us, "I fix it. Working hard." **Meera** and **Ellie** enjoyed playing in the kitchen area baking cookies. **Ellie** would say "Meera, Meera cookie." **Meera** enjoyed singing as she was baking cookies. She would sing 5 Little Reindeer, and then when she was done singing she would very loudly say "I did it!"

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Emmett and **Cash** were the book worms this month! **Emmett** would sit on the couch and look at all the Christmas books. His favorite was the Snowman book. When he was looking at it he would tell us, "He cold. Have hat." **Cash** would bring book after book to the teachers so they could read them. When one was done he would get up and get another. **Reese** enjoyed filling up the stockings. Her favorite thing to put in them was the babies. When she got the baby into the stocking she would tell us, "I fill tocking." At the tables we had art and other holiday activities. **Eleni** loved decorating the flannel Christmas trees! As she was decorating the tree she would say, "Make tree pretty." **Alex** enjoyed decorating all the trees we made in art. As she finished she would look at the teachers and say, "Yeah!" All month we were all "Magical Holiday" helpers to our friends and teachers. Hopefully we can start off the New Year the same way.

In January we will be in a "**Winter Wonderland**" inside and outside. Circle time we will read all about winter and the things we do in the snow. The songs we will be singing will be about ice and snow. For art we will be making things that we wear in the snow and things you will find in the snow. Activity time inside and out we will be exploring ice, snow and many other cold things. It's going to be a chilly winter month.

Thank you to all the sprouts and parents who participated in the sing-along. It was great seeing them show their musical side; even those who just stood there and stared! We would also like to welcome our new friend **Owen** to the room, (who is moving up from the Big Seeds), and say a fond farewell to **Pierce**, (who is moving up to the Bud Room). We are all sure you will have great new adventures in the Bud room!

Thank you once again for everything you do and if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Have a great January!

Teresa, Amy and Nana Julie

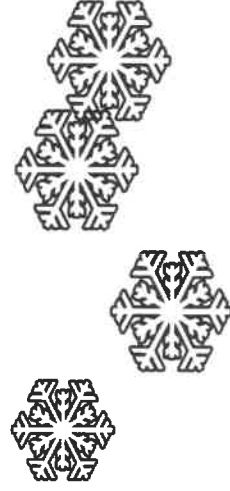
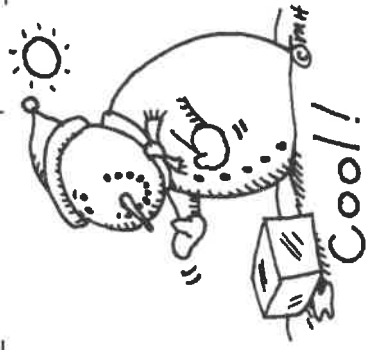
Jan-18



Winter Wonderland

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	CLOSED	2 Paper Plate Winter Hat	3 Handprint Cardinal	4 Scarf	5 Sticky Mittens
8	Winter Bubble Wrap	9 Footprint Penguin	10 Handprint Snowflake	11 Winter Sky Art	12 Mittens
15	Winter Sensory Bin	16 Melted Snowman	17 Snow Window	18 Paper Plate Snowman	19 Snowy Owl
22	Cotton Ball Painting	23 Bottle Snowflakes	24 Polar Bear	25 Fake Snow Play	26 Sticky Collage
29	Winter Bottles	30 Ice Cube Painting	31 Coffee Filter Snowflake		

Notes:
This Month's Books:
<i>Snowflake the Snowman</i>
<i>Biscuit's Snowy Day</i>
<i>It's Winter Time</i>
This Month's Songs:
I'm a little Snowman
I Love Ice
I'm a little Penguin
This Month's Sign:



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