

# January

We are so excited to begin 2023 with our Readiness class. We are almost at the 70 day mark in our caterpillar but it feels like we have known your children for a lot longer than that! We hope that everyone is healthy and taking all the steps necessary to stay that way and keep all our friends in school healthy. Thanks so much for keeping your child home if any family member is sick and getting tested if necessary.

This month we will be doing a lot of snowy themes as we are putting the holidays behind us. Our bulletin board will now be a snowman that will accompany our themes of the week. I'll be sure to post pictures of him each week. We will be learning M, N, O and P this month. We will also be doing a lot of letter/sound recognition and rhyming. It's also time to start learning to write that last name! We will start with just writing last name and then will put the two together. I'm sure our friends with long first names and last names will be so excited! 😊

Have you filled a bucket today? If you're not familiar with this book, you will all get a chance to read it with your child when they bring home the bucket filler bag. We will read it with the class and then each child will have the opportunity to bring it home to read with their family. When you see your child "filling someone's bucket", we ask that you write it on one of the shapes in the bag and send it back after a few days. We hope that we don't have any bucket dippers. 😊

The surprise bag and estimation jar will also begin making its rotation through the class on a more regular basis. If surprise bag is your child's job, the surprise bag will come home and each day you return the bag, it should have something that starts with the letter of the week. We ask that you and your child write down three clues to help classmates guess what's inside. We generally have the same child do surprise bag for the entire week. If for some reason, you can't bring it one day, don't stress as there may be times when we don't get to that job on any given day. For the estimation jar, the directions are on the jar, and you can help your child put between 1 and 50 items in there and return it some time that week.

If you have any newspapers at home or know of a neighbor who gets the paper, please bring them in by Monday, January 9th. We have some, but can always use extras to make our newspaper projects!

We are excited to begin offering Tuesday Lunch Bunch beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>! We will need to have a minimum of 6 children to make this lunch bunch day work. Please be sure to sign up on the sheets located in the lobby.

No school on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. We plan to make our kindness rocks painted and sprayed by the end of next week so you can distribute your kindness rocks through your neighborhood on Martin Luther King day. If you have any rocks that you can send in, it's most appreciated!

Second session of Friday specials begins on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Friday specials on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have Makin' Music here for a special Music class!

January calendar is attached!



Susan & Christine