



Happy New Year and welcome back to school! It was so fun to see how excited the children were to get back to the classroom and see their friends after the break. They have done a great job settling right back into our routines. This month we will be talking about winter weather, arctic animals and the letters L, M and O. We will continue to work on shape recognition and number recognition (1-10) and have White Day. We will also be encouraging your children to start writing (as well as tracing or copying) their names. You can encourage this at home as well. Remember, it doesn't have to be perfect! Just holding a marker or crayon and attempting to write the letters or copying ones you have written is a great start, even just the first letter of the name. A lot of the children are already doing a great job with this!

We will start spending a lot of time this month working on some special projects for the Art Fair in February. We will be doing projects using all sorts of art mediums which will give the children many different ways to express their creativity. Our class will be reading books and making projects relating to them. (We've already done a few!) The Art Fair will be held on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30. More information about this fun family night will come home soon.

Just a reminder that we do go outside even when it's cold, so please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately and has a hat and mittens. On days that are extremely cold, with low wind chills or we have snow on the playground, we will try to have some play time in the Big Room to burn off some energy or even go for a quick winter walk.

Important Dates:

Friday 1/9 – New Session of Friday Specials

Friday 1/16 - White Day – Wear white to school and bring white pictures! We'll make a special white snack, too!

Monday 1/19 – No School, Martin Luther King Day

Friday 1/23 – Play On Music program

Friday 1/30 - Scholastic Book Order due

We're looking forward to a great 2026!

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Troutner

