

Dinomites
January 2012



Dear Parents,

Well, here we are looking at a brand new year! We are full of anticipation for new learning and fun with your children. December was a very exciting month that just blew by. We began the month exploring the holidays of the world in ***Global Sharing***, finding the similarities and differences in all the things we celebrate. We became world travelers during ***Universal Bazaar***, traveling to Switzerland, Thailand, New Zealand, the Philippines, Trinidad, and Peru! We reflected on all the wonderful things we've learned in the past year, as well as over the course of our lives, in ***Traveling Through Time***, and wrapped up the old year with wishes and dreams for the new in ***2012 Welcomes You***.

Our first theme of the year is ***Winter Wonders***. We will brainstorm all sorts of chilly words that begin with the letter of the week, "Z," as we research the different states of water. We'll chart the temperature throughout the week, and see how much it changes from day to day. The week will culminate in an exciting indoor "Snow Ball," including a snowball fight, snow angels, and home-made ice pops!

We will prepare for Martin Luther King Day with our theme of ***Respect Diversity***. We'll brainstorm all the ways our differences work together with our letter of the week, "R," as we create charts of all the opposites we can find. We'll celebrate all the diversity in our class with a parade at the end of the week, using all the dream banners we will create throughout the week.

Our next theme is ***Geographical Concepts***. We will be researching all about the landforms in our world, brainstorming with our letter of the week, "C." We will create three-dimensional maps, and even be making working volcanoes and geysers! The week will end with a presentation of our favorite types of landforms.

Our final theme for January is one of the favorites! In ***Dinosaur Dynasty***, we will dive into the wonderful, prehistoric world as we research all the different dinosaurs, especially the ones that start with the letter of the week, "D." We'll make fossils and shape dinosaurs, and rock out to the Dinosaur Stomp! At the end of the week, we'll have an archeological party, and excavate some fossilized chocolate chips from prehistoric cookies.

As we begin a new year, we are filled with best wishes for lots of new knowledge and enjoyment with your children. We have so much to discover together!

Happy New Year!

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