

Munchkins
January 2012



Dear Parents:

Happy New Year!! We hope everyone had a great holiday with family and friends. Let's take a moment to review the fun themes in December. We started the month of December with the theme ***Habitats for Humans***. The letter this week was "H" for home. We introduced this theme by reading a book called Throw your Tooth on the Roof. The purpose of this theme was to help the Munchkins understand that the place where we live with our family is called Home. We used visual aids such as pictures of an igloo, farmhouse, an apartment, and a house to help the Munchkins understand the concept of a Home and we learned the sign language the word "home". During circle time we reinforced this concept by giving The Munchkins the opportunity to see pictures of their home. Thanks to the parents that participated in the H.U.G P.A.K.

The second and third weeks of the month of December were ***Global Sharing & Universal Bazaar***. The letter this week was "S" for sharing. This theme was introduced by reading A Charlie Brown Christmas. The Munchkins learned all about diversity not only in our country but around the world. We had a lot of activities that focused on sharing, kindness and friendships. Each classroom had chosen a country and we had a theme day where each classroom experienced "traveling the world". The Senior Munchkins had the opportunity to participate in theme day; our first stop was Thailand where the Munchkins saw many of pictures of their customs and traditions. Next stop was Switzerland where we learned about the Fastnacht parades and its music. We also made Swiss flags. In New Zealand we made a fish to represent one of the main sports in this country. In the Trinidad, we listened to Trinidadian music and made a flag. The last day of our trip we visited the Philippines and our last stop was Peru, where the Munchkins learned about one of the most important celebration in the country called the Inti Raymi conducted in Machu Picchu. They made a Peruvian flag and dance to the traditional music called Huaynos.

Our next theme was ***Traveling Through Time***, the letter this week was "A" for accomplishments. During this week we recapped what we have learned and accomplished this year. The Munchkins learned how everything changes with time. We reviewed what we have accomplished such as who started eating baby food, who started walking and crawling. As a final project The Munchkins made beautiful gift boxes for their parents.

Our last Theme was ***2012 Welcomes You***. The letter this week will be "Y" for year. During this week, The Munchkins review what we learn from our history and our past. We reviewed what changes we want to make for the coming year and the great memories of the past year.

We begin January with the theme ***Winter Wonders***. The letter this week will be "S" for snow. The Munchkins will be learning about the seasons and how the weather changes. With

Science in mind the Munchkins will make a project called “Ice Power” we will use two ice cubes, and sprinkle one ice cube with salt and the other one with sand. As a final project The Munchkins will design snowman mobiles.

Our next theme is ***Respect Diversity***, the letter this week will be “R” for respect. The Munchkins will introduce this theme by reading A Color of His Own. Our Munchkins will become aware of differences and similarities that we have with one another.

Next is ***Geographical Concepts***, the letter this week will be “M” for mountains. We will talk about maps and learn about different types of landforms like mountains, deserts, rivers and roads while we sing “Going on a Bear Hunt”. We will read “We play on a Rainy Day”.

Our last theme for January is ***Dinosaur Dynasty***, the letter this week will be “D” for dinosaur. The Munchkins will learn the history of Dinosaurs, their geographical locations, and the time period in which they lived. We will read “Danny the Dinosaur”, and we will make dinosaurs eggs. The Munchkins will listen to the “Barney Song” and “We are the Dinosaurs” while stomping around the room.

Sincerely,
Miss Marylin & Miss Donna
Miss Stephanie & Miss Ann

Friendly Reminders:

- Please label all bottles, food containers, and belongings.
- Please cut up all fruit when sending in with your child.
- Please provide an extra set of clothes, weather appropriate for your child.
- School closed January 17th