



Mrs. Utschig and Mrs. Ciaccio's **January Newsletter**

It is hard to believe that a new year has begun! I hope everyone had a relaxing, restful vacation.

This month the children will practice their language arts skills. They will be introduced to the letters L, M, N and O! They will create uppercase and lowercase letters using different techniques and materials. The students will create lego prints, mirrors, newts, nests, ostriches and polar bears.

The class will be introduced to a winter theme this month. They will create penguins, snowmen and hibernating bears. The concept of small-medium-large will be reinforced when they create their snowmen.

The rectangle will make its first appearance in 4U this month. The children will be amazed at the number of things in their world that are shaped like a rectangle! I have scheduled a "rectangle scavenger hunt," so they can find even more things in school with this shape. Number 6 will be introduced, this month. The mathematical concept of "sequencing" will also be reviewed in January. We will integrate this with literature when we read The Snowy Day. The concept will be reinforced using our flannel board. The children will have a great time learning about the color blue and its many shades.

Your children will become "magnet detectives" this month! They will learn about the properties of magnets and make their own "magnet detectors!" We will take a walk around our classroom to discover

which items are magnetic. This will definitely be one of their favorite learning experiences this year.

We will discuss the story of "Noah's Ark" in class and the students will use flannel board pieces and puzzles at playtime to tell the story to their friends. Social Studies will be covered this month with a lesson on Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be no school on Monday, January 17th, to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

There will also be another Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Jan. 24th - January 28th. The children can enjoy another Pajama Day on Tuesday, January 25th.

We will enjoy learning many Nursery Rhymes during Letter N week! You will find Humpty Dumpty, Hickory Dickory Dock and other nursery rhyme projects adorning our walls! We are off to a great start of the New Year!

