



*Mrs. Utschig and Mrs. Albanese'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 M, N, O and P! They will create uppercase and lowercase letters using different techniques and materials. The students will create 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. We will enjoy learning many Nursery Rhymes during "N" week.**

**The rectangle will make its first appearance in 4U/A this month. The children will be amazed at the number of things in their world that are shaped like a rectangle! We 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 and the school 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 15<sup>th</sup>, to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**There will be another Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 26<sup>th</sup>. During this week the children will enjoy Grandparents' Day and their grandparents can visit the Book Fair! They will also enjoy another Pajama Day on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**On Friday, January 12, there will be an 11:30 dismissal due to the faculty holiday luncheon. We are off to a great start to the New Year!**

