



Early Lamb Preschool

January News Notes 2021

JANUARY CURRICULUM



SHAPE: Rectangle



COLORS: Blue, White



NUMBER: 4



LETTERS: Kk, Ll Mm, Nn,



FINE MOTOR: tracing lines



NURSERY RHYMES: * Hickory Dickory Dock,

*Little Boy Blue

*The Three Little Kittens <^..^> <^..^> <^..^>



Math: rectangle, #4, comparing alike items

Science: winter weather



MULTI-CULTURAL ED:



I Have a Dream...

Martin Luther King was born on January 15, 1929

in Atlanta, Georgia. We celebrate his birthday on the third Monday in January. Martin Luther King was a Baptist minister who used peaceful methods to counteract the inequalities of laws and society.



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: Compassion/ Being helpful



RELIGION:

Seeds weekly Gospel message and bible stories

Bible stories

An Epiphany Blessing- Feast of the Three Kings

On January 6th, we celebrate Epiphany, the Feast of the Three Kings which is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas. The children dressed as a King and followed the star (light) which leads them to Jesus. They will place at the Manger the gift of the Good Deeds they did during Advent. In following a custom of *The Chalking of the door*, a piece of chalk was used to write the letters of the three kings, *Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar on our classroom door*. When we do this, we are asking God's blessing upon the students and the teachers who come to preschool and also those who work or visit throughout the coming year. St. Stanislaus School is a holy place because of the presence of Christ here.

JANUARY THEMES



Life in winter

- * Winter is the season that comes after fall and before spring.
- * The weather is often very cold in winter, but in some areas it stays warm.
- * We dress for different kinds of weather. Winter self-help skills.
- * Sometimes the temperature drops below freezing (32°F, 0°C). Then, water freezes making ice and icicles. Frost My form on the windows.
- * Most outdoor plants do not grow in winter, but evergreens stay green all year* Activities in the snow /Snowmen - small, medium, large snowballs

Facts behind the Tracks

When animals walk, they leave footprints. The children will use their tracking skills as they track their winter animal friends.

Marvelous Mittens

Jan Brett's adaptation of *The Mitten* will be shared with the students followed by a variety of mitten activities to help reinforce a flurry of skills.

Mitten lacing activity

Animals in winter

A whole-language treasury of books will be present the following topics.

- * Some animals, such as bears and turtles, hibernate (sleep for several weeks) in the winter, when it's too cold to find food.

- * Some birds adapt to the colder weather while others migrate (fly to a warmer climate) to find food and live during the winter.



SAFETY THEME: Keeping safe in the freezing cold and around ice.



SPECIAL DAYS:
No School January 18



HOME LEARNING ACTIVITY - LIVING ROOM

When You and Your Child...	You Might say...	This Helps Your Child Learn to...
Return from a trip to the doctors. Suggest that you play about what happened.	<i>"What did we see at the doctor's office? Let's pretend that this is the doctor's office. Who would you like to be? OK, you be the doctor and I'll be the mommy with a sick child"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recall experiences * Recreate main characteristics of roles * Concentrate * Think * Be creative and imaginative

**From A Parent's Guide to Early Childhood Education*

January

How do animals stay warm in the winter? What do the weather forecasters mean when they talk about the wind chill.

The children will explore the wonderful ways of water!

- It takes all sorts of shape
- Solids and liquid: What's the difference?
- Water moves.

Heat and Cold Change Things

- Describe the changes that occur when a solid change into a liquid.
- Describe the changes that occur when a liquid change into a solid.

Dressing to Suit the Weather

- Identify clothing appropriate for different weather conditions
- Discuss the characteristics of different fabrics suitable to make clothing appropriate for different kinds of weather.

With winter come coats, snaps, zippers, hats and gloves or mittens. Three and four year olds may be struggling to put on their own coats and preschool children's arms just don't seem long enough to get that zipper up. Please be patient and give your child the opportunity to practice putting on their own outerwear. They will be so proud of their accomplishment.