

# JANUARY NEWS



## A NOTE FROM MS. BECKY & MS. MADDIE

Welcome 2024! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas & New Year winter break. Whether it was busy or restful, we hope you made many happy memories. Thank you for showering us with gifts & messages. You really made us feel appreciated, and we are grateful for all of you! Looking back on December, we were super busy learning about Systems & Simple Machines, but then Chanukah, Christmas, The Grinch, Gingerbread Man, Reindeer Games, first day of Winter hot chocolate, Pjs & Popcorn & Movie Day, present making & wrapping, holiday crafts, Christmas themed centers, & an epic class party all took over. In between, we focused on the numbers 18 & 19, and the letters Ff & Ll. As we glide into January, our learning fun & play will continue.

## OUR LEARNING FOCUS

As we transition from winter break to classroom learning, we will be starting off the month of January with the unit Shapes, and learning about the letter Gg and the word "go". Our goal is to stimulate their visual senses to view the environment around them as a myriad of shapes everywhere they look. We will identify shapes, draw shapes, sort shapes, count shapes, and create with shapes. The following week, we will start a two week unit on Solids, Liquids, and Gases. We will have lots of fun exploring this topic, and doing some interesting experiments. We will then continue with the letters Dd & Uu. Finally we will finish off the month with two single week units, Maps & Directions, and Balls. Letters Cc and Ss will be the letters for the two units. Following up at home on these topics as we are learning about them will help foster that school-home connection.

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 2-19 School Winter Coat Collection

January 15 Martin Luther King Day  
(School's closed)

January 17 Speech Screening -\$15

\*see DOJO for added special dates

## CLASS REMINDERS

1. Please visit our new sign up outside of the classroom on the bulletin board for Fun Friday Treats.
2. The new Show and Share schedule will be posted on Thursday.
3. Please continue to send your children into school wearing layers. Though it is cold outside, it may be warm in our classroom.
4. Warm mittens, hats, and scarves will keep them warm & comfortable as we head outside during the winter.