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Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing winter break! December flew by quickly but not without many activities centered on holiday celebrations. Some of the highlights were decorating gingerbread people, beading and making patterns while putting together bracelets, making holiday cards, decorating ginger bread houses and of course pajama and movie day! It was a great way to end the 2017 year in the preschool room.

Heading into January we're adjusting to getting back into our daily routines at school of course, but we will also spend some time discussing our virtue of the month. For the month of January we're focusing on Celebrating Differences. This is something we incorporate into our classroom and curriculum all year long, but we will spend a couple of weeks with it being the main focus. Our goal for these two weeks is to help the children understand that we're all different, not just by physical features, but in a variety of ways. It is always amazing to discuss similarities and differences with children.

As we wrap up our focus of Celebrating Differences, we will move on to celebrating winter. We enjoy using this time to discuss and learn about winter activities, animals, science and more. We've already begun to discuss the animal tracks we see in the snow on the way to the playground. The preschool class will have more time to explore these prints and try and figure out which animal makes what print. The children have begun to guess which animals they believe are visiting our playground!

The last week of the month will be our winter science week. The class will have the opportunity to explore with snow and ice. We will explore how snow is formed and how ice is made, we will also experiment with melting ice using a variety of materials. Stay tuned to shutterfly for pictures and updates!

On Friday the 5th the preschool class will have a show and share day. Your child may bring in one item of their choosing to share with the class. On the 17th, we invite families to join their children for our annual hot chocolate party at pick-up time. The hot chocolate party will go from 4:00-5:45, with parents coming at any time during the party to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate with their child.

We are excited to kick off the New Year!

Happy Holidays!

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