

# January 2017



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope your holiday break was fun and relaxing. We are excited to enter the New Year and begin classes again. The children will begin learning the “The Lord’s Prayer” (Our Father) for the opening prayer. The Snack prayer will be “God is Great”. The Fruit of the Spirit will be “Kindness” symbolized with a strawberry. Our Jolly Phonics letter sounds for the month will be “P, D, B and R”. The Dramatic Play area will be a Pizza Parlor, a Winter Wonderland, and a Hibernation area going into February.

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> is “Pajama Day”! Roll out of bed, eat breakfast, and come to school...bed head and all. Thursday, January 19, we are inviting Dad’s to school at 8:30am for “Donuts with Dad”. If Dad is unavailable, please come with Grandpa, Mom, or another significant adult.

Activities this month will include creating a paper mache class snowperson, Van Gogh art appreciation, and learning about and utilizing snow, cold & ice in many different activities. Individual journals will be given to each student this month. These journals will be used to draw, write, and create in at our writing table. The children have learned many letter sounds already, and are beginning to put those sounds together and read some easy words....this is very exciting!

We will make every attempt to go outside each day, if possible. Please make sure your child has all winter gear available every day for outdoor playtime.

Thank you!

The Four’s Team, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Dillon, Mrs. Plescia and Mrs. Clarke

## **Important Dates:**

Monday, January 9:	Classes resume
Thursday, January 12:	Pajama Day
Monday, January 16:	No school – M.L. King day
Thursday, January 19:	Donuts with Dad