

First Plymouth Learning Center

December 2017 Issue



Ladybugs:

Hello Ladybugs. It's so hard to believe that it's already December! This month we will be talking about winter and the holidays. Our colors this month are red and white and our shape is a diamond. Our book of the month is The Mitten by Jan Brett. We have some fun crafts and activities planned including decorating our classroom felt Christmas tree, snowy play dough and creating a story board with characters from our book The Mitten. Please let me know what holidays your family celebrates or if you have any special family traditions you would like us to include in class. Thanks and Happy Holidays!

- Ms. Miranda & Ms. Senait

Bunnies:

The Bunnies have been very busy and are learning so much! December's themes will be exploring Winter and the Holidays. Our colors this month are red and white. We will also introduce the diamond shape and the letters J, K, L, and the number 6. We will be focusing on new words, building vocabulary and sounds. We will continue building up their confidence and self-assurance. Please make sure that names are marked on all your child's items that you bring in. Thanks for your support and all your encouragement. Your children are truly amazing!

- Ms. Gerri and Ms. Senait

Bumblebees:

We hope you all had a wonderful week off for Thanksgiving and it was filled with family and friends. As we enter the month of December we will be wrapping up our school year learning about Winter and Holidays, the colors, red and white. Our shape, diamond and focusing on our letters and their sounds, M, N, W, Z. We will also continue our learning of our numbers 0-20. On December 22nd, we will be doing a Polar Express day. Please dress your child in pajamas with tennis shoes and come to school to have some fun! Please no footie pajamas that day!! Looking forward to wrapping up 2017 with you all.

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Senait

From the Director...

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your family time during the Thanksgiving holiday. Our teachers are excited to be back in their classrooms with the children! We have a lot of exciting activities and holiday celebrations planned during our shortened school month like Polar Express Day on December 22. Everyone will be in comfy, cozy pajamas! Please no slippers or footed pajamas.

As a reminder, FPLC does follow the snow closure schedule of the Cherry Creek School District. In the event of a delay, FPLC will delay 1 hour. Information regarding snow delays and closures can be seen on the local news channels or you can check the internet at the Cherry Creek District website: www.cherrycreekschools.org.

- Kiesha

Just a Reminder:

If the weather is appropriate we will be going outside. Please make sure your children are dressed accordingly (boots, gloves, hat, etc.) and that their extra clothes fit and are seasonally appropriate.

Koalas:

I can't believe the December is here already!!! This month our theme is Winter, our shape and color are star and white, our focus letters and numbers are W, M, and 0-20. With winter break this month is shorter than the others so we will continue our reading practice, writing letters and our names, making and manipulating numbers 1-20 with unit blocks and ten frames. We will work on patterns, opposites, greater than/less than, and color mixing. We're going to have a Teddy Bear Story Time this month; your Koala can bring a special stuffed animal to class for story time the Friday before winter break! Remember to change out your child's extra clothing so it is weather appropriate if you have not yet done so. Happy Holidays!

- Ms. Angela and Ms. Shelley

Brown Bears:

Welcome back from Thanksgiving break. We have four weeks of hard work and lots of learning before our next break. This month we will be focusing on the letters W, M and R as well as red and green, rhombus and star, simple addition, counting objects to 20 and many other skills. Keep in mind that children learn skills in the same basic order but at their own pace. All children in the Brown Bears classroom will be challenged to meet their specific needs. Our themes will be based around winter holidays, giving, and thinking about others. Please be sure to read with your child at home. Preschoolers who are read too often learn to read easier and earlier than children who are not read too. As always, thanks for allowing me the pleasure of teaching your amazing children.

- Ms. Kathy and Ms. Shelley

Penguins:

The Penguins have been making great strides in their writing, using their journals daily to write rough drafts of Halloween stories and "I wish", followed by final drafts that they then "publish". You may have seen the great works the Penguins are publishing – they rewrite their rough drafts, illustrate their writing and hang the final drafts in the hallway outside our classroom. In Math, the Penguins have been working with partners with 20 frames – one child puts objects on the 20 frame and then asks the other how many objects and how many blank spaces. Swing by our classroom during math and you will see and hear children having intense conversation about numbers as they work together to construct concepts of 1, 5, 10 and 20! Along with all of the hard work, the Penguins found time to have a party with their parents on Halloween and share a meal together before Thanksgiving break. In December, the Penguins will delve into an in-depth study of many different versions of the story The Three Little Pigs and try their hand at writing their own stories. We will work in the art area to illustrate these stories, as well as spend time making holiday cards and gifts for our families. We will take some time to have some holiday fun before we say "good bye" for Winter Break and "see you next year!" ☺

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

December 22 – Polar Express Day!

December 25- January 5- Winter Break

March 2 – Teacher In-Service –No School

March 26-30 –Spring Break

April 6- Night of Discovery

May 18 – Last Day for Students

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