

# First Plymouth Learning Center

January 2018 Issue



## Ladybugs:

Happy New Year Ladybugs! I hope everyone had a safe and happy winter break. I am excited to start another year at FPLC. We will be starting 2018 with an Animal theme. Our book of the month is the fun discovery book, *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell. Our shape of the month is the triangle and we will focus on the colors brown and black.. We will also work on becoming more independent. We will practice drinking from cups at snack time, using our words to express wants and needs and practice doing things for ourselves, like putting away our own nap and lunch items. We have cups for the children; however please still bring a water bottle for our busy lunch time.

Ms. Miranda & Ms. Senait

## Bunnies:

Welcome back Bunnies! We have a busy month scheduled ahead. Our themes this month are animals and their sounds, colors: brown and black, with triangle as our shape. We will also introduce letters M, N and O, along with number 7. We will continue to work on exploring in Art and Science by observation, classifying and communication. We will be learning what animals are alike and observing how they might be different. The Bunnies will also be talking about pets, animals on the farm and animals in the zoo. Our goal will always be to keep on building on your child's comfort and confidence levels. Looking forward to this great month!

- Ms. Gerri and Ms. Senait

## Bumblebees:

We hope you all had a wonderful two weeks off for the holidays. Happy New Year! As we come back to school we will be learning about animals. We will talk about all different kinds of animals, what they eat and where they live. We will talk about the colors, brown and black and our shape, the triangle. We will continue reviewing our numbers 0-20 but now we're going to add 21-30! We are working on counting and number recognition. We will be reviewing our letters and their sounds with a special focus on letters B, D, P and R. Here's to a wonderful start for 2018!

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Senait

## From the Director...

Happy New Year! Wow, this past year flew by! I hope everyone had a great holiday break. Thank you so much for my Christmas gift! How kind and generous!

Information regarding enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is being distributed this month. Yes, it is already time to enroll for the next school year! As always, parents of currently enrolled children will have the opportunity to register prior to open registration for the public. Classes tend to fill up quickly, so be sure to submit your forms as soon as you can.

Have a great January and an awesome 2018!

## Attention Parents!

**Church members get a discount on tuition!**

**Ask the church office upstairs about becoming a member of First Plymouth Congregational Church!**

## Koalas:

Welcome back to school Koalas! I hope all of you enjoyed the long break, I missed you so much! I hope you all had an incredible holiday, thank you so much for thinking of us, we love our gifts and all the warm wishes. This month our theme is Space, my favorite! Our shape and color are circle and black, our focus letters and number are E, F, S, U and numbers 0-30. We're still working on pre-math, problem solving, and phonics skills. We are practicing reading by sounding out, you can help your Koala by sounding out words with them at home, making shopping lists together, and writing simple notes to each other. Whenever you read short books, try to point to the words and read slowly so the kids take notice of the letters and their sounds and sound simple words out so they can figure out the word on their own. Since we are learning about space, now's a great time to get outside at night to look at the stars and the ever changing moon, the sun goes down so early right now. Please try and find time to show your Koala every phase of the moon this winter. Happy New Year Koalas!

- Ms. Angela and Ms. Shelley

## Brown Bears:

Hello parents, January starts the second half of the school year and the big push for "more." Our class will begin to focus more on word sounds and recognizing and naming the beginning sounds of words and listening for ending sounds. Sight words will be added to our list of commonly used words in our classroom. Our themes will be The Stock Show, Winter and Space. If you have a chance, please visit the Stock Show and make the home / school connection that helps build our 3 year old knowledge. Our focus letters will be E, F, S, and U, Numbers will be 10 - 15, and we will focus on circles, black and white. As always, no matter the theme and class goals, each child will be challenged to their ability. Please remember to bring back clean sheets and check for spare clothes that are warm in our cubbies. Also, please check the snack calendar for your week. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to teach your amazing children.

- Ms. Kathy and Ms. Shelley

## Penguins:

The Penguins have been reading many different versions of the familiar stories: "The Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood". We have had many discussions about how we are authors and that means that we are "the boss" when we write stories. During Readers/Writers Workshop, we have been trying our hand at writing our own stories and it has been wonderful to see the amazing creativity and our developing abilities as writers emerge! In Math, we have been using unifix cubes and our towers of 10 to show much larger numbers like 454 and 690! After we build all of the towers, we count by 10's—we can see what 1 unifix cube looks like verses 10 unifix cubes verses 100 unifix cubes, verses many hundreds. The Penguins have worked hard to sew their own penguin ornaments as holiday gifts, as well as create beautiful handprint tree cards. We have decorated the classroom for the season by cutting out and decorating snowflakes, snow people and trees. We have even baked cookies, including yummy gingerbread ones that we decorated ourselves. The Penguins have made such strides in their learning in the last four months and we cannot wait to see how much further they can go when we return from winter break and delve into dragons, pets and space!

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley



## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

*March 2-Teacher In-Service Day-  
No School*

*March 26-30-Spring Break*

*May 18-Last Day of School for  
Students*

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:

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