



First Plymouth Learning Center

December 2018



Ladybugs:

The ladybugs have been busy this month learning all about Winter and celebrating the holidays with gift making, singing new songs, fun sensory activities, and felt board stories. We focused on the colors red and white and the shape diamond. We have been counting to ten and looking at our names during circle time. We have also started to practice using cups during snack and pouring water from a pitcher (you may have had wet shirts sent home). I am so proud to see all of the ladybugs developing language and vocabulary, emerging independence and self help skills, social skills with their friends, and following directions. I hope everyone enjoyed the winter break and I look forward to seeing the kids back at school.

- Ms. Brooke and Ms. Amber

Bunnies:

The Bunnies have been very busy and are learning so much! This month we have been exploring Winter and the Holidays. Our color focus has been on red and white, the diamond shape, number 6 and the letters J, K and L with learning of new words, building vocabulary and sounds. We will continue to be building up their confidence and self-assurance. Just a couple of reminder parents: please make sure that your child's extra clothes are appropriate for this time of year. We will be going outside during this time of year if it is weather is nice, so your student will need boots, gloves, and etc. Please make sure their names are marked on the items that you bring in. Thanks for your support and all your encouragement. Your children are truly amazing! Hoping your family has a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

-Ms. Gerri and Ms. Amber

Bumblebees:

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving break filled with family, friends and food. As we start our last month of the 2018 school year we have a lot of fun planned. We will be learning about Winter/Holidays, our shape is the Diamond. Our colors are Red and White. We will be recognizing numbers 0-30 and reviewing our alphabet with a focus on the letters, M, N, W and Z. Thanks for sharing your children with us, we are blessed to be a part of your lives.

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Senait

Tuition for January is due January 8th!

You can pay tuition online! *There is a convenience fee of 3.5% plus \$0.45 for credit card payments and there is a flat convenience fee of \$0.45 for e-check payments.* <https://firstplymouth.mycheddarup.com>

We also accept checks via bill pay through your bank.

Otters:

Happy Holidays! We've had such a great year thus far and I can't wait to see what 2019 brings! We have talked a lot about winter and holidays this month. It's been fun to hear about different holiday traditions. In math we have been working on sorting, patterns, and using the ten frames as a way to begin to work on solidifying our concept of numbers. We have also started to count from 0-30 each time we wash our hands! Challenging your otters to do this at home would be a great way to supplement what we are learning in the classroom. We have played many letter and letter sound recognition games (with a focus on the letters M, N, W, and Z). We are continuing to practice our independent skills every day. This month during circle time we have talked a lot about the word patience--being patient with each other and with our teachers :) We have started to play different listening games as well. This will help us as we begin to work on following multi-step directions. Next month our theme is animals. I have a feeling that we will have a lot of interest in this one! Thank you for the smiles that your children bring to our faces each and every day!

- Ms. Lindsey and Ms. Senait

Koalas:

I can't believe 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. Our FPLC pajama day was so much fun, I'm so glad so many Koalas were able to attend! 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. Amber

Brown Bears:

Hello Parents!

I can't believe this year is almost over! We have been learning so much over these past four months. Our next theme is a favorite of mine, space! We will learn all about stars and planets and we will have lots of fun making moon rocks and learning new songs about rockets and outer space!

I hope you are all having a wonderful break with your children. They've worked so hard this year with counting and letter recognition. We will be learning four new letters when we get back, E F S and U. Keep up the counting with them at home and in the car! I will see you all in the new year!

- Ms. Brooke and Ms. Senait

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

December 25- January 4- Winter Break

January 8 – Students return

March 1 – No School, Teacher In-Service

March 19-22 – Spring Break

April 10 – Night of Discovery

May 17 – Last Day for Students

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Penguins:

The Penguins have been making great strides in their writing, using their journals daily to write rough drafts for “When it snows, I like to . . .”, “Dear Santa” letters and “At night, my snowman . . .” followed by final drafts that they then “publish”. You may have seen the great works the Penguins have “published” hanging in the hallway outside our classroom. After months of working on a variety of reading activities, building short vowel 3 letter words, sorting sight words and matching rhyming words, many of the Penguins are able to recognize these words and use them independently in their writing! Ms. Shelley worked hard with all of the children throughout most of December to create beautiful holiday gifts, cards and wrapping. They also decorated the classroom with colorful snowflakes and created snow people for our winter bulletin board. A big thank you to Ms. Shelley for asking her father-in-law to come on the last day before winter break to entertain all of the older classes with his wonderful magic show! We also celebrated by wearing our pajamas, enjoying a special snack and riding on the “Polar Express”. It was a wonderful way to finish out the year before enjoying the holidays with all of our families over the next two weeks! We look forward to jumping in to the new year when we all return in January!

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley

A Note from the Director:

Hello again everyone! I hope everybody is doing well. Please remember to keep sick children home as this is also a risk for the other children and the teachers in their classroom. It is also helpful for parents to communicate what is going on either with your child’s teacher or me, this will help us stay on top of being healthy. **Our policy per Tri-County Health Department: children must be fever free without medication for 24 hours and vomit or diarrhea free without medication for 48 hours before they can return to school.**

Make sure to get updated health forms (physician’s and immunization) when your child goes to their doctor for an annual well check so that we can maintain current information in files.

Registration materials have gone out, so make sure to get your form and payment to me ASAP to hold your child’s spot! I’ve already gotten quite a few, so time is of the essence. If your friends are asking, open enrollment will begin February 1st. I am scheduling tours at this time. They can contact me directly or through our contact page on our website.

Here’s to yet another fabulous month!

- Kiesha

