

Full Day Early Preschool

January 2010

Themes: Winter, winter clothing

In Our Classroom.....

- When we decided to study the season of winter in January, we were unaware how much help mother nature would provide. The children have had MANY opportunities to witness snow falling outside our classroom and ice forming on the trees.
- We have discussed proper winter dress for humans and even learned that nature provides several animals with a winter coat. We have had the opportunity to view numerous squirrels and birds enjoying a snack from the feeders located on our school grounds.
- We used our paint rollers several times this month to create snow scenes and winter hats.

Important Dates

- Feb. 12-Valentine's Day Party
- Feb. 18 Peace Festival 5-7 pm
- Feb. 19- School WILL be held
- Feb. 25- Board meeting 7 pm

Featured Book

First Snow

By Emily McCully

Reminders and Requests.....

- Our annual peace festival will be held on Thursday Feb. 18. We will be representing the continent of Asia. Deborah Secord will be working on our peace projects with the children. Please see more Peace Festival information by the classroom door.
- Conferences will be held in March before spring break. More details to follow.
- Our classroom does have a Valentine's Day party, however, due to the age of our children, we **DO NOT** distribute traditional Valentine's Day cards. We will be working on several special class projects to celebrate the holiday.
- Please note...we **WILL** be holding school on Friday Feb. 19. Also, the last day of the school year will now be Friday May 21.
- We hope to get outside when the snow melts a little more on our playground. Whenever possible, please allow your child to show you our special "Montessori Method" for coats. **Also, it is helpful if you child's mittens are placed inside his/her hat and then the hat is placed inside his/her coat sleeve.** We teach the children to put on snow gear in the following order: snow pants, boots, coat, hat, mittens.
- Potty training for most students is progressing nicely. If your child is currently working on potty training, PLEASE, PLEASE make every effort to dress your child in clothing that is easy for them to manage independently.

January Birthdays

- Jan. 7- Sorsha
- Jan. 9- Shreeya
- Jan. 15- Isabella
- Jan. 28- Liam

The 2010 snack and play dough sign up sheets are located by our classroom door. We greatly appreciate your continued support with both of these volunteer opportunities.