



We hope that everyone has had a good January; we certainly did! The weather was great for being outside, and the children are doing so well at getting their own snow suits on. **We are so proud of them.** We go outside two times per day unless the wind chill is above -20.

This month has been filled with lots of fun activities to start off the new year. We had a great visit with police officer Ron, as he came in and talked to the children about safety. We also had Miss Emily let us see a preview of a new Kindermusik program she is doing at her studio called Bilingual Birdies. This program teaches the children French in a simplified manner. The children LOVED it, and were reciting the words and songs after the program was done. There is a poster outside of our classroom if you are interested and want more information about this program.

We have been so impressed with the progress the children have been making in recognizing and writing their own names! What a great accomplishment! The next letters we will be working on will be **B,P,R,K**. As we move towards the end of the year we would like to focus on preparation for Kindergarten.

Our theme for this month, will be **sensory based**. We will have different activities available during the day for the children to explore and discover. Through sensory play we will be discovering the five senses. (Taste, hearing, seeing, touch and smell) This type of play encourages fine motor skills and supports cognitive growth.

At Bible time we have been continuing to learn about the exciting characters of the Old Testament. We have learnt a lot about bravery and courage that comes with following God daily. This month we will be looking at some more exciting characters. We will continue learning

John 3:16b... That whoever believes in Him shall not die, but have everlasting (forever) life.

We are having an Artist, Tara Bambauer, as our community helper come this month from Little Nut Studio. This date will be finalized this week and an email will go out as well as a Facebook update. Both groups are welcome to join us on this day. Siblings and parents are welcome as well!

On February 12th and 13th, we will be having our Valentine's party! (We know that Valentines is on a Friday but we want both groups to enjoy the party)We exchange Valentine's Day cards

with each other to show that we care for each other. At the end of this newsletter, there will be a list of names for each group for Valentine cards. You are welcome to bring a snack to share with the group, though it is completely optional. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Some important dates this month are:

Feb 12th and 13th- Valentines Party (You are welcome to bring a snack to share IF you would like to. Lists are available with with class names below)

Feb 12th and 13th- Pink, Purple and Red day!

Feb 17th- Islander Day (We will be closed this day)

Feb 28th- PD Day (No School)

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

1. Audrey
2. Adelyn
3. Colby
4. Gordie
5. Noah
6. Ethan
7. Titus G
8. Titus H
9. Quinn
10. Tessa
11. Arizona

12. Flora
13. Gavin
14. Beckham
15. Johnsley
16. Makenley
17. Bella
18. Mike
19. Ayla
20. Albertino
21. Fred
22. Tineke

Tuesday and Thursday Group

1. Audrey
2. Payton
3. Ryker
4. Ellie
5. Quinn O
6. Quinn M
7. Riley
8. Bennett
9. Arizona
10. Elizabeth

11. Violet
12. Annora
13. Ayla
14. Titus G
15. Tineke
16. Bella
17. Malcolm
18. Emily
19. Mike
20. Clark
21. Harper

