



Kids Kingdom

Infant/Toddler Room

January Newsletter

Reminders:

- Kids Kingdom is open ½ day on December 31. We are closed on January 1.
- Outdoor time will continue even in the snow. Children should have weather appropriate outdoor apparel and extra clothing to replace soiled or wet clothes. Hats and gloves are recommended.

Happy New Year to all! As a reminder, **Kids Kingdom is open on December 31 for a ½ day, and we are closed on January 1st**. We will continue the theme of the New Year for the first part of the week, and when we return, we will move on to My Body/ The 5 Senses. Our older infants will finger-paint this week, and we will sing songs which identify our body parts.

Week 2, our theme is Snow/Snowmen. Weather permitting, we will explore snow outside, and infants will create footprint snowmen. Our toddlers will be finger-painting with the color white this week, as well as exploring puffy paint.

In week three, our theme is Polar/Arctic Animals. Our infants will make polar bear and penguin art projects, and we will read about polar animals. Toddlers will be creating playdough this week, and will explore animal figures.

The theme in week 4 is Martin Luther King. We will discuss in class the ways we are different and alike to one another, and infants will play with multicultural dolls. Our toddler room teachers kindly request magazines for use in 'people' collages, and they will also be making a Friendship Hands Mobil with the children to display in their classroom. The toddlers will also make people puppets this week.

Week five is all about shadows, and groundhogs. The toddlers will be doing body tracing, and will look for their own shadows while outside. They will also explore photos of groundhogs. Our RIELDS Standard this month is **Science: Children learn to plan for and carry out investigations and collect, evaluate, and communicate information.**

Parenting Tip: Dressing children for outdoors in the winter is all about choosing the right layers. Many parenting guides suggest one more layer for children than adults. Here is a simple guide to the best layers.

- An inner layer which wicks away moisture; wool or synthetics.
- Middle layer or layers for insulation; wool, down, or fleece.
- An outer layer to protect; a breathable, water resistant fabric.

Cotton is not recommended for winter outdoor clothes as it holds liquid and lets in cold temperatures.