



# Discovery Zone Gazette

## Toddler A Gets Colorful

Toddler A begins the month of January by celebrating the New Year and creating New Year's Hats. We will also have a short theme on day and night, where the children will use fine motor skills to make a sun and use stencils to paint a star and moon.

Next, the Toddlers will enjoy a week long theme in colors. The children will learn about a new color each day and taste test foods corresponding to that color. The children will also make green lily pads and build gross motor skills as they jump on them. They will use fine motor skills as they explore yellow play doh and make red collages. The children will also have sensory experiences by

using the water table to create blue water and make a rainbow by painting with their feet.

Toddlers will then focus on the winter weather.

The children will learn science skills as they explore ice shapes. Toddlers will also make snow pictures and enjoy a winter walk where we will collect nature times found outside. Snow will be added to the sensory table for some cool sensory fun.

Next, Toddler A will move onto a Literature theme. The children will enjoy a variety



of books such as "3 Little Kittens," "Wide Mouthed Frog," "Caps for Sale" and many more. The children will learn math skills as they make a train out of shapes. Creative skills will be built as the children decorate caps. The children will have a "special visitor" for the day we talk about kittens.

Finally, the children will learn science and math with a cooking theme. The children will make cornbread, apple-cinnamon and blueberry muffins. Who knew learning could be so delicious!

Toddler A would like to welcome Corey D. and family to our class. We say goodbye to Owen who has moved to Pre-school.

## Preschool A is Shape-tastic

Preschool A is starting off the new year with resolutions. We will discuss what a resolution is and each child will come up with his/her own. We will also celebrate Three Kings Day and the Chinese New Year by making masks and lanterns.

Next, Preschoolers will explore their senses as they touch, hear, see, smell and taste new

and different things. Books will help the children as they lift flaps, listen to stories on tape, find objects in "I Spy," and make their own scratch and sniff books.

Shapes and sizes will expand our math skills as the children order objects, match shapes and count the sides on a variety of shapes. The class will also

improve fine motor skill while cutting out shapes to make a book. Preschoolers will also learn that shapes are all around us as they create stop signs, houses and wheels.

Preschool A is happy to welcome Owen B., Olivia E., and families to our class.

Happy New Year!

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### Center News:

- DZLC is going green! In an attempt to reduce waste, please send your child with everything he/she may need for lunch including silverware and cups. Please begin this by 2/1/09.
- 1/19 is a Fun Day for School Ageders. Information is out now. Permission slips are due by 1/14.
- The NEW DZLC website should be up and running by 1/26. Check it out!
- 1/28 Doug the Monkey Guy will teach the children about his pet primates.
- Please remember to call if you child will be out or late.

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## Preschool B Dreams Big

Happy New Year everyone! Preschool B starts off 2009 with a one week theme on New Year and 3 Kings Day. During this week the children will write and illustrate their New Year Resolutions. We will discuss why we have a New Year and define the word resolution using a dictionary. We will then learn about 3 Kings Day and how this holiday is traditionally celebrated. The children will use math skills to pattern kings and shoes and to bake a snack for the 3 Kings and their long journey.

During the second week Preschool B

will learn about weather. Why does it storm? What is lightning? As well as many other questions that have been asked by Preschool B over the past few months.

The third week will be a one week theme on dreams. The children will learn about Martin Luther King Jr. and all



of his accomplishments. Preschoolers will then come up with a dream that they would like to come true.

Finally we will wrap up January with a one week theme on the Chinese New Year. The children will use creative art skills to make fireworks and Chinese lanterns. We will learn and discuss the similarities and differences between the Chinese New Year and American New Year celebrations.

Please remember to make sure your child has appropriate attire for outside play in the snow ( hats, gloves, snow pants, boots, etc.)

## Infants Will Have "Snow" Much Fun

Happy New Year! The Infants Room is ready to ring in the new year with a bang. We are so excited to welcome Bailey and Arianna Elliot to the room.

The Infants will celebrate the New Year by painting New Year's hats. The children will also celebrate 3 Kings day by making shoes to put under the Christmas Tree and wait to see what the 3 Kings will bring

During the next 2 weeks the Infant

Room will be turned into a winter wonderland. There will be 2 fun sensory projects with snow and cool-Whip.



The children will practice eye hand coordination by making a giant snowman and placing the body parts

where they belong.

At the end of the month, the children will be introduced to some new games. The children will listen to sounds created by objects inside of containers, build fine motor skills as they attempt to spoon water from one container to another, and use all of their senses to locate hidden toys.

As always we look forward to another wonderful year at DZLC.

## Things are "Beary" Fun in Toddler B

We would like to welcome Ava B and family to our class.

We begin January with a week on self help skills. The children will practice putting on coats, hats, mittens and boots. Winter clothing will be added to the sensory table for the children to explore. The children will also learn math skills as they match mittens and shoes.

The second week of January will focus on "Snow folk." Toddlers will be creative and make snow people out of a variety of shapes. Science skills will

be learned as the children learn about a melting snowman. The children will learn about the color white and make a snowman collage using white materials.

Next, Toddler B focuses on bears. We will continue to sing our "Sleepy Bears" song which is quickly becoming a classroom favorite. The children will be introduced to patterning and the words big



and small as they explore different sized bears. Bears and ice will be added to the sensory table for exploration and the children will be encouraged to count bears hibernating in caves.

Toddler B ends the month with a fun unit on penguins. We will discuss winter habitats and where penguins live. Observational skills will be built as the children are encouraged to find the hiding penguin. The children will get creative as they make a penguin using foot prints.



