



# Discovery Zone Gazette

## Toddlers Have "Snow" Much Fun

We would like to congratulate Molly on starting the potty training process. She is doing GREAT! We also wish Spencer a happy second birthday on 1/4.

The first week of January the theme is "Let it Snow." Toddlers will decorate mittens, snowball paint, and make a snowflake



rubbing.

During the second week, we will extend the snow theme by making popsicle snowflakes, pepper print snowflakes and marble paint snowflakes.

The third week of January, Toddlers will learn about polar bears. The children will use fine motor skills to make a polar bear snack, sponge paint a polar bear, and create a polar bear snow scene.

The fourth week of Janu-

ary the theme is gingerbread. The Toddlers will have a sensory experience as they explore a gingerbread sensory tub. They will also use fine motor skills to decorate a gingerbread house and make gingerbread shapes.

Please remember to bring in snow pants and boots for outdoor play as we do go out (weather permitting) in the winter months. Please continue to label all your child's belongings.

## Discovery Zone Learning Center

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Important Dates:

- 1/19 & 1/20 Fun Days for School Agers. 

- 1/26 The new DZLC website will be available for parents to have access to all things DZM. 

- 1/28 Special: Doug the Monkey Guy



## There's No Business Like "Snow" Business in Preschool A

Preschool A would like to welcome Caleb F. and family to our room. We would also like to wish Kaden H. a very Happy Birthday!

To start off the new year, we will do a lot of hands on exploring with a snow and ice them. The children will discover different ways that snow and ice melt with "Frosty Melt Away" and "Snow Soup." The children will improve their math skills as they count and graph the snow days throughout the month. Preschoolers will also work on

fine motor skills with "Ice Art" and make our very own take home "snow domes."

The next two weeks will be all about Winter Fun. The children will test memory skills with "Mitten Match Up" and improve sorting skills with "Super Snowball Sort." Preschoolers will practice fine motor skills with "Sewing Snowflakes"



and learn to keep warm with "Winter Dress Up." We will end the Winter

theme with a special snowman snack.

Next, Preschool A will learn all about Penguins. The children will make "Polka-Dot Penguins" and "Shape Penguins." Preschoolers will use large motor skills as they enjoy the "Penguin Pokey" and "Penguin Races." During the month, Preschool A will also focus on the letters R, S, T, and U. The children will do a variety of letter based activities as well as writing practice.

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## Preschool B Dances into 2009

Happy New Year! The year went by so quickly and with the fun activities planned for 2009, its sure to go by just as quick.

The first week of January, Preschool B will explore hibernation, migration and adaptation. The children will be asked to bring in teddy bears to work on charting similarities and differences. We will also discuss which animals hibernate, migrate, and adapt to their surroundings with games sure to work the preschoolers minds.

During the second week of January, Preschool B will explore movement. The children will learn lots of new

sign language and use large motor skills as they learn new games. An obstacle course will be fun as the children venture around the classroom in a different light.



The week of 1/19 will focus on self concept and self esteem. We will have "Children of the Day" where children are encouraged to bring something in to tell the class about

themselves. Preschoolers will make family collages and enjoy an art project that is just for them.

Next, Preschool B will do a two week theme on story telling. The children will hear a variety of stories and participate in activities that will encourage them to make connections to their own lives. Two stories the children will explore are "The Mitten" and "Chrysanthemum."

Preschool B wishes everyone a happy, safe and fun New Year!

Reminder: Please review your calendar...it is full of important dates!

## Learning Warms Up the Infant Room

The New Year in the Infant Room will be fun and exciting! The main focus for the month of January is Winter and snow. The children will aid in decorating the room by creating penguins and snowmen with their feet.



The children will

also be encouraged to explore winter appropriate clothing such as hats, mittens, coats etc.

While the Infants are growing and learning so fast, we will continue to aid the children in their development. Rylan and Lauren are now walking and Caitlin is taking steps. Brayden and Mackenzie are pulling themselves up and have begun to furniture cruise.

Maggie and Ava are crawling, Casey is rolling and Jacob has so much to say! We will continue to celebrate in each child's milestone and help them move to the next.

The Infant Room is happy to welcome Izabel M. and family to our class. We wish all the families a Happy and healthy New Year!

## Center News

- Thank-you to all the parents in helping to make the name change such an easy transition. Please remember to make your checks payable to DZLC (which most of you have done!) Thank-you!!!
- 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.
- DZLC is happy to announce that we have recently purchased a new van. The new van will be used for Camp Discovery as well as field trips through out the year. The van is currently undergoing inspection and registration.



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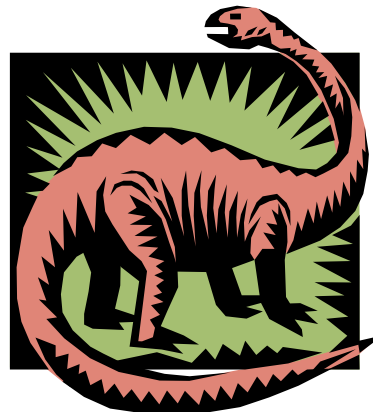
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