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Beaver



Beep, beep! This month we will be learning all about things that go! Things that go on land, sea, and in the air! Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful winter break and time with your families. We have a lot of fun activities to do in class.

We would like to remind all parents and children the need for frequent washing of hands, especially during the cold and flu season. It is very important to wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer when there is no soap and water available. We are enjoying having your child in class.

—Anita, Nicki, Toni, Monica

Crab



Welcome back, Crab Room families! We hope you had an amazing holiday break and the kids did not grow too much while we were gone! This month we are excited to start sensory work and do more art in our classroom, focusing a bit on science and our fine motor skills! The theme for January will be “Cultural All About Me!” We will also be incorporating outside time—for our age group that mostly consists of buggy rides or “walks”. We have noticed our friends trying to pull themselves up on objects and we hope our friends have been showing off their skills while practicing at home!

—Lakista, Cailee, and Christina

Sheryl Fryberg, Director



IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 1**
CLOSED (New Year's Day)
- **January 2**
Return to school for a regular school day
- **January 8**
Parent Education Café
9:00am–10:00am
- **January 9**
Parent Education Café
9:00am–10:00am
- **January 11**
CLOSED
(quarterly all staff meeting)
- **January 16**
Parent Committee
12:00pm–1:00pm
- **January 17**
Policy Council
12:00pm–1:00pm
- **January 21**
CLOSED
(Martin Luther King Jr. Day)



Salmon



Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday break! We are looking forward to a fun and exciting 2019 with new experiences!

This month we will learn about winter weather. We will explore winter clothing, ice, and talk about snow. In art, we will explore collage materials as we create hats and mittens. We will also explore painting and glue together a snowman. We will read stories about winter weather as well as snow play.

We are also planning to work on using our walking rope to get outside and transitioning from sippy cups to using open cups. Please remember to bring in warm coats as well as hats and mittens as we do go outside even when it is cold. Also, please check your child has extra clothing that is weather appropriate and fits.

—*Leah, Sarah, and Jasmin*

Chipmunk



Hello families, it is great to have you back after our long winter break. We hope that everyone got to enjoy some time with their families.

Some of the fun things we are going to do is go on nature walks and talk about the different things that we will see. Please make sure you bring a warm coat and hat for your child so they stay warm on our adventures around the school.

The theme for the month of January is “Winter/Snow” so we will be doing art and science activities related to weather and the season. We like to get messy so please make sure your child has extra clothes just in case they need to change into cleaner ones.

—*Jamie, Teresa, and Cheryl*

Octopus



Happy new year to us all. Hope everyone enjoyed the small mini-vacation with your loved ones and families. Our focus is still on potty training, self-help, and most importantly, responding to the emotional cues of others. This is very helpful in life. Kids will learn how to respond to other’s emotions like crying, being happy, mad, sad, etc., and learning to work together as a group. Since our classmates have some new siblings, we want to work on gentle hands. Please remember that even with the windy and rainy days of winter, we still go outside so please bring coats and hats. Join us anytime during the day to enjoy some songs, painting, or playdough activities.

—*Katherine, Shala, and Katey*

Rabbit



We would like to welcome everyone back and hope that you had a wonderful holiday vacation. This month our theme is “Winter Wonderland” and we have a lot of great activities planned for the children. We are hoping for snow since the children love to play on it. We will be going outside so please remember to bring all of the items needed. We would also like to wish Sunny and Treyson a very happy 3rd birthday. We are so happy to be back, we missed all of our children.

—*Sherry and Darla*



Starfish



We would like to welcome you back from winter break! We hope you all had a wonderful time spending time with your children and families. It is hard to believe that it is already January and we are now into 2019! It has been amazing to see the growth of our classroom and we are looking forward to what the month has in store for us. This month we will be doing many different activities centered on our theme for the month, which is Winter Wonderland. We do go outside daily so please remember to bundle up your children with warm coats, hats, and gloves.

—Kara, Elisa, and Jessyca



Otter



Happy 2019! We hope all our families' Christmas break was filled with love, family, friends and laughter. Last month was a whirlwind of holiday fun but we enjoyed every minute. It was so much fun watching the kids explore the different holiday concepts from jingling bells to learning "Frosty the Snowman". But I think the kids' favorite thing was finding all the candy canes in the room using flashlights. Like I said, we had lots of fun!

This month we will be discussing and exploring winter concepts like hibernation, the book "The Mitten", and what to wear in the snow and cold. We will also be adding the cultural part of what the Tulalip people would do to survive the winter months. We will also be sending home Lushootseed words to practice with your kiddos that are relevant to the month of January. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for our ever changing Pacific Northwest weather.

—Jeryre, Shelia, Rainey, and Roxane



Turtle



January is here already, welcome to the new year! This month we are going to be working on the words "please" and "thank you". We are also going to be learning about our body parts. We will be learning how each body part helps us to learn, move, and grow. We would like parents to keep in mind that although the weather can be a bit chilly, we still head outside for our playtime. Please dress your child in weather-appropriate clothing and provide a warm, winter coat.

**—Ms. Val, Ms. Stacy,
and Ms. Seandra**

Gray Whale



As we enter the new year and get back in to the routine of going back to work and school, we would like the parents to think of some new goals for their children that we can begin working on in class and then talk about at our next home visits.

This month we will be gearing our curriculum towards winter-related activities. We will be bringing out winter- and snow-themed books to read with the children. Along with the winter-themed curriculum, we will be doing themed sensory play with ice and other cold items. As our children continue to grow and develop, they are beginning to use more words. We are going to be focusing on using a variety of words to expand their vocabulary. Also, a friendly reminder to continue bringing weather appropriate clothing for your children as we still go outside every day.

—Molly, Alondra, and Toni Jo

**COMMUNITY EARLY LEARNING
OPPORTUNITY:**

Early Childhood Developmental Services through a
Federally Funded Community - Based Program
Serving the Tulalip / Marysville School District

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Pregnant Moms
Children ages birth - 3**

We offer:

- **Disabilities / Special Needs**
- **Center Based Learning**
- **Certified Educated Teachers with Early Learning Experience**
- **Small class sizes**
- **8 Children Per – Class with 2 Teachers**
- **Parent & Family Involvement**
- **Fun Family Events**
- **Parent Resources**
- **Parent Education Trainings**