



December 2018



Yellow Room T/Th Newsletter!

Merry Christmas! I can't believe how quickly this school year has gone! I hope all of your children are enjoying learning as much as we are enjoying teaching them! I have appreciated their eagerness to learn and their ability to be flexible and try new things.

We are going to explore some fun books over the course of the next 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. We'll start December with fun stories about snowmen and get creative in our thinking. After reading All You Need for a Snowman, we'll write about what our own snowmen need, in our journals. We'll also read Snowmen at Night, and brainstorm all the activities we can imagine snowmen doing while we're sleeping.

Two more books I love for winter are The Mitten and The Mitten Tree. The Mitten, which is based on a Ukrainian folk tale, will teach us about forest animals and children will retell the story to their classmates using props. The Mitten Tree will help us learn about the service of giving without expecting anything in return. Finally, we'll be reading Mortimer's Christmas Manger and will create our own version of a manger to take home.

Throughout the month, we'll be learning about the letters D and S and the number 5, along with sight words "are", "you" and "in". Our shape of the month is a star. Centers will include a nativity in our sensory tub, snowflake building on our magnetic board, gingerbread playdough in our kitchen center and many more new learning opportunities throughout the classroom.

December 19th at 1:00 - Christmas Program (details to come) and last day of school

January 7th - School resumes

I will be sending home new snack calendars for January-March before we leave for break.

Conversation Starters with your children:

Retell me the story of The Mitten. Ask about our new centers. What do you think a snowman needs? Tell me about the bible story. What is your favorite song for the Christmas program?

Blessings this Christmas Season! Jenny & Susie

