



**“He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs”**

**Psalm 147:16-17**

I hope everyone's holidays were great, and that you had fun spending some extra time with your kids!! While the break was great, I really missed our little classroom and am excited to get back into our normal routine! This month will be busy with new letters, new songs and mid- year assessments.

Our first week back begins January 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with the letter /Bb/. We will be discussing birds and bats and how they are the same and different. We'll also have lots of time to talk about Christmas and all the fun things your kids did over the break. **ON THURSDAY, JAN. 10<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS SHOW AND TELL. YOUR CHILD CAN BRING IN SOMETHING THEY GOT FOR CHRISTMAS AND TELL THEIR CLASSMATES ABOUT IT.** Please make sure it fits in their bag (if possible). Please no electronics or breakables (but feel free to send in a picture). This is a great opportunity for the kiddos to get used to speaking in front of a group (although honestly, they ALL love to talk!) Our Special Day person is Josey on January 9<sup>th</sup>! (there is no person in second class this week because that student left our class - we miss Arshneet!)

The second week of January we will begin doing mid-year assessments. We will be focusing on the letter /li/ and talking about ice and snow. I can guarantee that the craft Ms. Caren does with them this week was a favorite in the past years. You will love it too! Our Special Day students on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> are Audrey and Jasper!

The third week of January we will learn about the letter /Kk/. **There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** We will try our hand at things we do in the kitchen, namely completing a recipe and learning how to measure things to complete that task. Ms. Caren's craft has to do with an animal that begins with the letter /K/ and can really jump! Can you guess what that might be? Also, we will talk a little about Martin Luther King Jr. so the kids understand why we have the day off. We will chat about how God created us equally, and how Martin Luther King Jr. helped people to understand this. We will talk about his "I Have A Dream" speech, and we'll have the kids tell us their dreams for the world. Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> our Special Day students are Lydia and Pepper. Also, on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Fort Thomas Schools has late arrival day.** Bluebird has **REGULAR** class times but parking can be tricky because the surrounding schools start at 9am.

The last week of January we will be learning about the letter /Hh/ and focusing our learning all about habitats. We will study where animals live, and how they are similar and different. We may even get our coats on and take a little walk around the church searching for animals and their habitats in the winter. **ON THURSDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup> we will have CRAZY HAIR/HAT DAY!!**. Some of Ms. Lori's favorite books are about crazy hair and I can't wait to share some of them with the kids. Crazy hair can be as simple as adding some gel or oddly placed pony tails. I added Hats because I know it is hard to make boy hair crazy sometimes, so the kiddos can wear crazy hats instead if they prefer (or both!) Just have fun with it! Our Special Day students on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> are James and Scout.

Being current Bluebird families, you will have an opportunity to register any of your younger Bluebirds prior to open registration. However, if you know of any other families that may need a preschool, our annual open house will take place on January 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm and our open registration is on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30am.

Toward the end of this month evaluations will be sent home. This will give you a good idea on what your child needs to work on to be ready for kindergarten in the Fall. I keep in contact with a current kindergarten teacher in Fort Thomas and look at what they are hoping children to know before entering their class. We try to address these things in our class to get them as prepared as possible to start kindergarten. Please feel free to schedule a conference with me if you feel the need. Also know that usually the second part of the year the kids start really clicking and progressing like crazy.

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