

**HOPE VALLEY
PRESCHOOL
January 2012**



Lexie and Logan measure and compare. Young Scientist in the making!

Theme: Winter Wonderland

During January, our children will discover the wonders of winter as we transform our classrooms into a winter wonderland. In science we'll observe ice melting, graph the temperature during different times of the day, and make bird feeders. Our sensory tables will be filled with ice cubes and we'll also make snow clay using Elmer's glue and liquid starch.

Our math activities will include sequencing snowmen from largest to smallest, and a mitten match. We'll count snowflakes and snowballs. Watch out for our winter graphs.

In language we'll discuss winter sports and make a collage. We'll talk about dressing warmly and remember that sidewalks can be slippery. Our children will learn winter's words like frost, sleet, icicle, shiver, hibernate, and ski.

Keep a look out for dramatic play activities. You may see "ice skating" with wax paper and rubber bands, and "ice fishing" through a transformed hole in a cardboard box. January will be busy!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- 2 Closed – Happy New Year!
- 9 Museum visit/Busy Birds
- 19 Prevent Blindness Screening
- 27 Bookmobile visits

Fun Fridays

- 6 PJ/ Teddy Bear Party- Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite bear
- 13 Martin Luther King Parade
- 20 Winter Dress Relay
- 27 Snow cone Treat

In The Community

- Thru 1/15 Carolina Wonderland Express @ Museum of Life & Science
- Thru 1/29 Raleigh Winterfest @ City Plaza

Our Specials

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tumblin' Tots	Music Class	Spanish Class	Computer Class



SCHOOL CLOSINGS

During an inclement weather event, please check our facebook page for immediate information. As a back-up, tune into WRAL (CBS) or WTVD (ABC). You can also check online at www.wral.com or www.wtvd.com. We do not close with the public school systems.

WEEKLY READER TOPICS

- Penguins Winter
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Groundhog Day



Kylie uses her gross motor skills to build. A future architect!

INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Real things in the world around us are fun to watch and learn about. Being outside where there is so much to see and feel often helps to calm babies and toddlers.

The senses – how we hear, see, smell, taste, and feel- give us information about the world. As babies grow, they need to learn ways to understand all the information coming through their senses. They form ideas to help them understand things in the world around them. They also learn the words that go with those ideas.

Brrrrrrr! In winter the air is colder and the children wear coats, hats, and mittens. The children will discover the cool weather of winter and the many textures of winter clothes. They will have lots of fun learning about water, ice and snow. Winter is also a great time to watch the birds outside and make treats for them.



Book Of The Month

This month our preschoolers will enjoy reading, *Here Comes Jack Frost* by Kazuno Kohara. One cold winter day, a little boy has nobody to play with. He looks at the window and sees strange

patterns appearing. He finds out how wonderful winter can be!



NC Museum of Natural Science presents... Busy Birds

Our children will learn about the characteristics of birds with a close-up look at live birds. We'll discover how clever and resourceful birds are as we examine a variety of nests and natural specimens.



CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Shepard R. Matthew M. Sophia S.
T.J. L. Saanvi L. Gavin L.
Violet Y. Ava N. Zamyah H.
Max J. Everett H. Genevieve D



.Spanish Class

Brrr...hace frio! (Brr...it's cold outside!)
During this wintery month, we will be learning cold weather words such as:
mitones-mittens hielo-ice
invierno-winter nieve-snow
We will also be playing winter games in Spanish!



Music Class

In January, our children will learn how to use sand blocks. Sand blocks are rectangles of fine-grained sandpaper attached to blocks of wood. One of the best things about sand blocks is that, when scraped, they sound remarkably like a train.