

CHERUB CHATTER

THEME FOR THE MONTH IS HIBERNATION: WINTER AND BEARS

“I praise you God because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” Psalm 139:14

Lessons for the month

Numbers and letters

- Jan 3 - 5: Qq, 0 and 1
- Jan 8 - 12: Ss and 2
- Jan 16 - 19: Bb and 3
- Jan 22-26: Pp and 4
- Jan 29-Feb 2: Gg and 5

Focus

- States of Matter
- Measuring
- Last names



Happy New Year and welcome to 2018! We are all so excited to be back at school. We always find that January brings a sense of calmness to the building. After the excitement of December it is nice to regroup to regular activities and routines. The children really thrive on routine and do well when they know what to expect. This can be helpful at home as well. If you are seeing behavior issues it is often time to tighten the schedule; provide them with more structure, clear expectations and a schedule that they can follow. January is a great time to reestablish routine.

At school we will spend some time reviewing the rules, as well as adding a few new opportunities. To help us focus on school rules our MWF children will continue using the color chart to monitor their behavior throughout the day. If they end the day at the top (pink) they will earn a sticker. After 10 stickers they will get a treat from the treasure box. This is always a fun challenge for them and everyone should get an opportunity to earn a treat.

Also our MWF children will begin checking out two books each week. One book will be a traditional book, the second will be an easy reader with repetitive phrases and sounds. If your child is beginning to show an interest in reading, these books provide them with an opportunity to practice. Rereading the book several times during the week will give them a chance for success.

All of our children will be working on their last names, the little ones will be learning to say their full names and the older ones will learn to recognize their last names.

This is also a great time of year to develop independence. We will be practicing putting on our own coats, hats, gloves and learning to zip them up. We are all pretty good at putting our items away, but taking them on and off can be a bit challenging. You can practice this at home as well. Our little ones love the “preschool flip”, they lay their coats on the floor and flip them over their heads to put on. Ask them to show you the preschool flip!

As you can see, lots of learning will be happening at school this month! Have a wonderful January and stay warm! *Joy Morgan*

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- Jan 11 and 12 - Student Showcase, bring a favorite Christmas gift!
- Jan 10 - Math and Movement
- Jan 11 and 12- Faith and Fitness, dress for active play!
- Jan 15 - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 18 and 19- Birthday Snacks, no need to send in snacks on these days
- Jan 25 and 26 - Bear Days! See detailed information to the right (Red Racecars will participate on Fri and have normal day on Thurs)
- Every Monday and Tuesday is Library Checkout!
- Stay and play will be available every Tuesday and Wednesday. Dates this month are Jan 9&10, 16&17, 23&24, 30&31. Cost is \$15 per day.

SPECIAL NOTES: WINTER WEATHER

It is cold outside, so don't forget those coats and gloves! We do keep some extra mittens and hats here for emergencies, but for the next month or two you may just want to leave some in their school bag. Also remember to keep an eye on the weather, we will follow Hanover County and close when they do. If they have a late arrival, one or two hours, we will open at 10:00 and close at our regular time.

BEAR DAYS

On January 25 and 26 we will have Bear Days! Along with this theme day we will be wearing our Pajamas to school and can bring our favorite stuffed bear for the day. We will have bear pancakes as a special snack so you do not need to send snack for that day. It should be a fun filled day for all! (Red Racecars can wear pajamas on both days if they would like, but will participate in all other activities on Friday. They can bring snack as usual on Thursday, their bear and special snack will be on Friday.)

NEW BLESSING

God is Great, God is God, Let us thank Him for our food. By His hands we all are feed, Give us Lord our daily bread. Amen

CHERUB RULES

If you were ever wondering what the school rules are, here are the basics. We will be reviewing these the next few weeks and you can follow up at home as well. We use "Mr. Potato Head" for props.

- Hands to yourself
- Eyes on your teacher
- Walking feet
- Quiet voices and sometimes lips zipped
- Listening ears
- When you put it all together we keep our bodies in our own "Hula Hoop Space"

