

CHERUB CHATTER

THEME FOR THE MONTH: WINTER

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

Lessons for the month

Numbers and Letters

- Jan 6 - 10: letter W and number 0
- Jan 13 - 17: Qq and 1
- Jan 21 - 24: Oo and 2
- Jan 27-31: Cc and 3

Focus

- States of Matter
- Opposites
- Last names
- Start number recognition



Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! 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. Our MWF children will begin checking out two books the second week of January. 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 a great start to the new decade! *Joy Morgan*

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- Jan 9 and 10 - Show and Share, bring a favorite Christmas gift!
- Jan 16 and 17- Birthday Snacks, no need to send in snacks on these days
- Jan 17 and 18- Faith and Fitness, dress for active play!
- Jan 20 - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 23 and 24 - Opposite Days! A day full of opposites! Dress backwards, upside down, CRAZY!
- Jan 30 and 31 - Faith and Fitness and Pajama Days. Wear your pajamas to school!
- Every Monday and Tuesday is Library Checkout!
- Stay and play will be available every Tuesday and Wednesday. Dates this month are Jan 14&15, 21&22, 28&29. Cost is \$15 per day.

SPECIAL NOTES: WINTER WEATHER

Although the weather has been pretty mild recently, we are expecting it to turn cold soon! 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.

OPPOSITE DAYS AND PAJAMA DAYS

On January 23 and 24 we will have Opposite Days! We will have a mixed up day with lots of changes in our normal routine. Your children can dress backwards, inside out, etc for that day. On January 30 and 31 we will be wearing our Pajamas to school! This is always a favorite day and so much fun! It will also be Faith and fitness so we will exercise in our jammies! (Red Racecars can wear opposites and pajamas on both days if they would like, but will participate in all other activities on Friday.)

NEW BLESSING

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat, Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you God for everything! 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"

