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**JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER**

**THANK YOU**

We extend our warmest thanks to **all** of you who so generously remembered our staff during the holiday season. We all feel very fortunate to be surrounded by such generous and thoughtful people.



**PRESCHOOL NEWS**



We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and was able to share some unhurried time with family and friends. We wish you all health and prosperity in the new year. In January, some goals we will focus on are: seeking approaches to problem solving, respecting the rights of others, recognizing and generating rhymes, using standard/non-standard forms of measurement, and participating in a variety of art experiences. Weather permitting, we will have fun outside in the snow. We will talk about the changes the winter brings and welcome the start of a new year!

**PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A COMPLETE SET OF EXTRA CLOTHES TO BE KEPT AT BREEZY.**

**THANK YOU!**

**SNOW CANCELLATIONS**

For center closings due to inclement weather, tune to WJAR TV 10, WPRI TV 12, WLNE TV 6, CW 28, PBS 36 or the Fox stations, OR check their websites: [www.turnto10.com](http://www.turnto10.com), [www.wpri.com](http://www.wpri.com), [www.abc6.com](http://www.abc6.com), [www.cw28tv.com](http://www.cw28tv.com), [www.ripbs.com](http://www.ripbs.com), [www.fox64.com](http://www.fox64.com). Complete list is attached.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Tues, Dec. 31 BK closes at 3:00 pm
- Wed. Jan.1 Happy New Year!  
**BK closed**
- Thurs. Jan. 2 Kindergarten class resumes
- Mon, Jan. 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Faith is taking the first step  
 even when you don't see the whole staircase.  
 -Martin Luther King, Jr.

**PROPER ATTIRE FOR SNOW DAYS**

With winter upon us, there will be many snowy days during the school week! We advise you that the children WILL go outside to play every day, even if there is snow on the ground. This practice is both healthy and fun for them. Proper attire is requested and expected! The outerwear needed includes: coat, snow pants, hat, mittens, and boots. No scarves, please, as they create a hazard for possible injury. Clothing may be left at Breezy Knoll if it is more convenient for you. We ask that you dress your child with the expectation of outdoor play daily, even in cold weather. Thank you!



**TODDLER NEWS**



It's hard to believe that a new year is beginning! We would like to wish all of our families a very healthy and happy new year!

The month of January will focus on the season of winter and snow. The children will pretend to be bears hibernating from the cold. We will talk about the changes that the cold weather brings, and hopefully, have lots of fun in the snow. We look forward to a fun-filled January!

A few reminders: Please remember that we go outside daily. **Your child needs a hat, mittens, snow pants, and boots, all labeled with name.** Also, please supply an extra set of clothes to keep at the center in case or wet or soiled clothing. **Please wash quiet time items and snow clothes weekly.** Kindly check our lost and found area for misplaced items.

**FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES—RIELS**

**Physical Health and Development**

While helping you in the kitchen, your child is developing strength, coordination and control in fingers and hands:

- \*Peel carrots, cucumbers, and potatoes with a peeler.
- \*Beat eggs and cream with a handheld beater.
- \*Take the shells off peanuts.
- \*Tear lettuce and cabbage.
- \*Stir pancakes and pudding with a large spoon.
- \*Peel oranges, hard-boiled eggs, and bananas.
- \*Wrap potatoes in aluminum foil for baking.
- \*Spread peanut butter on crackers.



**Science/Social Studies**

Arctic/Antarctic Animals  
 Penguins  
 Water/Snow/Ice  
 Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Math**

Addition  
 Counting by 1s/5s/10s



**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Welcome back to Kindergarten! We wish you all a very Happy New Year! We will have our 100th Day celebration on January 29, 2014! Progress reports will be sent home at the end of January. Kindly check Kindergarten board daily for updates and project needs. Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play and has a full change of clothes at school. Thank you!



**Language Arts**

Winter Poems  
 Informative writing  
 "at" word family  
 Color words  
 Vowels



# SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS

## Dressing For Winter



This is how we dress on a cold winter's day.  
 We put on our snowsuits to go out to play.  
 Then we put on our boots to walk in the snow.  
 Next, our hats and our mittens  
 'Cause the wind begins to blow.  
 And now we're all ready to go out to play.  
 We'll stay nice and warm on this cold winter's day.

## Chubby Little Snowman



A chubby little snowman  
 Had a carrot nose.  
 Along came a bunny and  
 What do you suppose?  
 That hungry little bunny  
 Looking for some lunch  
 Ate that little snowman's nose  
 Nibble, nibble, CRUNCH!

## Penguin Play



(tune: A-Tisket, A-Tasket)  
 Waddle! Waddle!  
 Penguins like to waddle.  
 They have wings, but they don't fly.  
 Penguins only waddle.  
 Swimming, swimming!  
 Penguins all love swimming.  
 They catch food and swim all day.  
 Penguins all love swimming.  
 Sliding, sliding!  
 Penguins all love sliding.  
 They slide on ice and snow all day.  
 Penguins all go sliding!

## Time to Migrate



(tune: London Bridge)  
 Geese are honking, "Let's fly south."  
 Let's fly south. Honk, honk, honk!"  
 Geese are honking, "Let's fly south."  
 Time to migrate.  
 Ducks are quacking, "Let's fly south."  
 Let's fly south. Quack, quack, quack!"  
 Ducks are quacking, "Let's fly south."  
 Time to migrate!

## Freedom



Freedom, freedom, let it ring  
 "Let it ring," said Dr. King.  
 Let us live in harmony.  
 Peace and love for you and me.  
 Freedom, freedom, let it ring.

## A Blanket of Snow



The snow fell softly all the night.  
 It made a blanket soft and white.  
 It covered houses, flowers, and ground.  
 But did not make a single sound.

## Right and Left



This is my right hand.  
 I'll raise it up high.  
 This is my left hand.  
 I'll touch the sky.  
 Right hand, left hand,  
 Roll them around.  
 Left hand, right hand,  
 Pound, pound, pound!

## A-Sledding We Will Go

(tune: Farmer in the Dell)  
 Oh, a-sledding we will go  
 A-sledding we will go.  
 We'll run and slide.  
 Down the hill we'll glide.

## Wiggles



I wiggle my fingers.  
 I wiggle my toes.  
 I wiggle my shoulders.  
 I wiggle my nose.  
 Now no more wiggles  
 are left in me.  
 So I'm as still as I can be.

## THIN ICE ISN'T ALWAYS OBVIOUS

When it comes to frozen bodies of water, you can never be too careful!

To keep your children safe, teach them:

- \* **Never** use ice for a shortcut.
- \* **Never** skate alone or without asking your permission first.
- \* **Never** skate on ice that has not been tested by the Fire or Recreation Department.
- \* **Never** go out on the ice to help another child or animal. **Get help!**

**The only safe ice is at an ice skating rink.**

For information on ice safety, visit the website  
<http://www.riparks.com/IceSafety.html>  
 Or call 401-222-2632



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This month, we wish a **Happy Birthday** to:  
 Samantha F. (1/5), Jonas G. (1/9),  
 Ava B. (1/13), Lucas C. (1/19),  
 Ellen B. (1/22), and Lily G. (1/27).

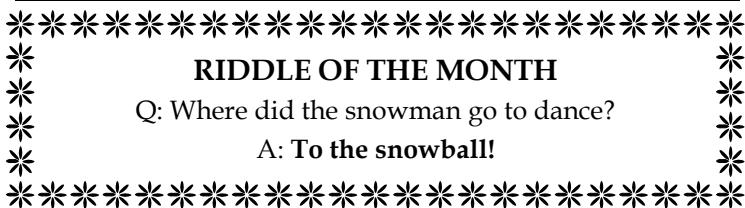


## HEALTHY SNACKS SUGGESTIONS

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Fresh fruit         | Jell-o cups/ Jell-o-jigglers |
| Fruit with dip      | Yogurt                       |
| Vegetables with dip | Pudding cups                 |
| Cheese/crackers     | Granola/Granola bar          |
| Graham crackers     | Bagel with a spread          |
| Animal crackers     | Mini muffins                 |



You will always be  
 Your child's favorite toy.  
 Vicky Lasky



## RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Q: Where did the snowman go to dance?

A: **To the snowball!**



Reading books aloud is one of the best ways you can help your child learn to read. This can be fun for you, too. The more excitement you show when you read a book, the more your child will enjoy it. The most important thing to remember is to let your child set her own pace and have fun at whatever she is doing. Do the following when reading to your child:

- \*Run your finger under the words as you read to show your child that the print carries the story.
- \*Use funny voices and animal noises. Do not be afraid to ham it up! This will help your child get excited about the story.
- \*Stop to look at the pictures; ask your child to name things she sees in the pictures. Talk about how the pictures relate to the story.
- \*Invite your child to join in whenever there is a repeated phrase in the text.
- \*Show your child how events in the book are similar to events in your child's life.
- \*If your child asks a question, stop and answer it. The book may help your child express her thoughts and solve her own problems.

RI BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION PROGRAM

TELEVISION STATIONS

WLNE-TV/ABC 6	( <a href="http://www.abc6.com">www.abc6.com</a> )
WJAR-TV/NBC 10	( <a href="http://www.turnto10.com">www.turnto10.com</a> )
WPRI-TV/CBS 12	( <a href="http://www.wpri.com">www.wpri.com</a> )
CW 28	( <a href="http://www.cw28tv.com">www.cw28tv.com</a> )
RI PBS/Channel 36	( <a href="http://www.ripbs.org">www.ripbs.org</a> )
WNAC-FOX	( <a href="http://www.fox64.com">www.fox64.com</a> )

RADIO STATIONS

FM DIAL:

- 92.3 WPRO ([www.92profm.com](http://www.92profm.com))
- 93.3 WSNE ([www.wsne.com](http://www.wsne.com))
- 94.1 WHJY ([www.whjy.com](http://www.whjy.com))
- 95.5 WBRU ([www.wbru.com](http://www.wbru.com))
- 98.1 WCTK ([www.wctk.com](http://www.wctk.com))
- 99.7 WSKO ([www.scoreamfm.com](http://www.scoreamfm.com))
- 100.3 WKKB ([www.latina1003.com](http://www.latina1003.com))
- 101.5 WWBB ([www.b101.com](http://www.b101.com))
- 102.7 JAZZ ([www.festivaljazz1027.com](http://www.festivaljazz1027.com))
- 105.1 WWLI ([www.litrock105fm.com](http://www.litrock105fm.com))
- 106.3 WWKX ([www.hot1063.com](http://www.hot1063.com))
- 1450 WLKW ([www.wnbh.com](http://www.wnbh.com))

AM DIAL:

- 1590 WARV ([www.warv.net](http://www.warv.net))
- 630 WPRO ([www.630wpro.com](http://www.630wpro.com))
- 790 WSKO ([www.scoreamfm.com](http://www.scoreamfm.com))
- 920 WHJJ ([www.whjjam.com](http://www.whjjam.com))
- 1110 WPMZ ([www.poder1110.com](http://www.poder1110.com))
- 1180 WCNX ([www.wcnx1180.com](http://www.wcnx1180.com))
- 1240 WOON ([www.onworldwide.com](http://www.onworldwide.com))
- 1290 WRNI ([www.wrni.org](http://www.wrni.org))
- 1540 WADK ([www.wadk.com](http://www.wadk.com))
- 1590 WARV ([www.warv.net](http://www.warv.net))

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