

January 2023 - Preschool

CURRICULUM CALENDAR



Our January Themes:

- Winter is Water and Ice
- Animals that hibernate
- Winter Solstice
- Squirrel Appreciation Day (January 21st)

School Community/Curriculum:

- Power Words

Children's Literature:

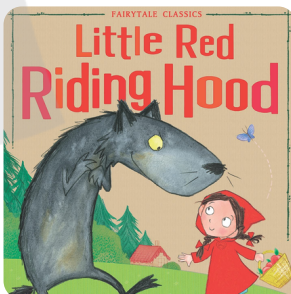
- The Napping House, Audrey Wood
- Ten Little Fish, Audrey Wood
- Rainbow Fish, Audrey Wood
- Quick as a Cricket, Audrey Wood
- Grandmother Winter, Phyllis Root
- Snow Day, Betsy Maestro
- Curious George, Margret, and H.A. Rays
- Animals in Winter, Henrietta Bancroft
- Owl Moon, Jane Yolen
- In the Snow, Who's Been Here? Lindsay Barrett George
- The Hat, Jan Brett
- The Mitten, Jan Brett
- The Big Snow, Jan Brett

Language Arts Concepts:

- Introduce sentences
 - What makes a sentence?
- Introduce rhyming words and Word Families
- Fairy Tale Study
 - The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, Jon Scieszca
 - Little Red Riding Hood, Brothers Grimm
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jan Brett

Ready Readers:

- We Get (Book 18)
- The Cat (Book 19)
- Can It Float? (Book 20)
- I Feed My Pets (Book 21)



Nursery Rhyme/Mother Goose:

- Jack and Jill
- Baa Baa Black Sheep
- Three Little Kittens Lost Their Mittens

Nap Books: (Junie B. Jones, Barbara Park)

- The Stupid Smelly Bus
- A Little Monkey Business
- The Boss of Lunch
- Some Sneaky Peeky Spying
- The Toothless Wonder

Dates to Remember:

Sun. Jan. 1 Happy New Year!

1st & 3rd Mon. Book Mobile @ Crozet

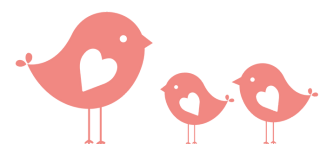
1st & 3rd Tues. Book Mobile @ Mill Creek

1st & 3rd Wed. Book Mobile @ Forest Lake

Mon. Jan 9 New Family Orientation, 6:15 p.m.,
Open House for Prospective Families, 6:30 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 20 100th Day of School- please send in
100 items to count (2s and up)

Thurs. Jan 26 Staff Appreciation Day- Fill the
Fridge with healthy teacher treats- Watch for
more info!



Just for Fun/School Spirit:

- Scarf Day
- Make a classroom snowman
- Winter class tree photo
- Backwards day
- Bake-off

Math: Celebrating 100th Day of School

- Geometry/Puzzles
 - Sugar cube houses/sculptures
 - Little houses (make with paper)
- Introduce writing numbers
- Opposites
- Concepts of numbers
- Toothpick math
- Count by 10's
- Counting to 100
 - GoNoodle has a great video for this!

Field Trip/Guest Speaker:

Dress up as your favorite character

Cooking Project:

French Toast Casserole

Science Lab:

- Homemade paste
- Water to Ice
- Rain to snow
- Observation of Squirrels
 - Nature walk to find squirrels
 - Bring Squirrel finder paper and crayons with clipboards
 - Squirrel facts (based on research and observations)
- Feed the squirrels

Project Green:

Protecting the Rainforest

Outdoor Classroom:

- Create a magnet wall with magnetic letters and storybook characters
- Paint with watercolors in the snow or on ice

Tinkering:

Snowflake tray: clay, glitter, glass beads, pipe cleaners, marshmallow and toothpick tray



Social Skills:

- Give and take in a conversations
- The value of listening to others
- What have you learned from your family/friends?
- Thank you notes
- Who can we write thank you notes to?

Art Appreciation:

- Action Art (Pollock)
- Starry Nights (Van Gogh)
 - Stars in the classroom
 - Make the classroom our own Starry Night
 - Research stars
- Watercolors
 - "Starry Night" classroom
- Paul Gauguin (Impressionist artist)

