

Happy New Year 2010!!!

January Kindergarten News

Can you believe it? Why do I think that 2010 sounds so much more space-age than 2009? Maybe it's just me. I know that we have computers, internet, etc. etc. but weren't we supposed to have flying cars by now? (I grew up watching a whole lot of "The Jetsons".) What happened to those? Oh, she's never satisfied!

I trust that everyone enjoyed their holidays, what a fun time of the year! The most exciting thing for me to see in January is how much the K's have grown since they began school in the fall! We will really be able to move faster with academic and social growth with the maturity that they have by now.

Here are some personal notes...

I had a tremendous time with my family and friends with church and holiday activities. We celebrated Christmas and then Laurel Shaw's (now Wallace) wedding. All was lovely, Laurel was a beautiful bride and it was a gorgeous day!

Then, on December 29 I had a surgery planned. I was four days in the hospital and am now home resting and healing. All has gone very well and I have had wonderful doctors and family to take care of me. Unfortunately I need a few weeks of recovery. I hope to return to school on Jan. 19, I will be updating everyone as I go along. Please do not worry about me. The K staff and Hana Anderson have details about the nature of my surgery.

I am aching already to be back with my kindergartners. Thank goodness we have wonderful Mrs. Vokos, Ms. Annie, Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Foley, and Ms. Ria along with many classroom parent volunteers to keep the ball rolling. All of the above are capable and able to continue with academics and all our kindergarten fun. What a great crew to put my mind at ease!

Now, Kindergarten Notes...

Themes for January will be Winter, Weather, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Penguins, Polar Regions and Animals, and Chinese New Year.

One of the first math units will be about plane shapes. We will continue to work on number recognition, writing, counting, numbers out of order etc. Social Studies will be centered around the themes as will science and writing. We will continue the "Ben Bun" unit in our Phonographix Program. The students will be writing more simple sentences. Please practice the Pledge of Allegiance at home and how to behave and hold our hands respectfully while reciting it. Also at home, you could practice the months of the year. We will be learning to sing "Chicken Soup With Rice", a whimsical song about the months and written by Carole King and Maurice Sendak. For fun, please visit; home.comcast.net/~misterorkin/chicken

The children will continue to learn and enjoy Spanish, Computer, Music, P.E., Library, and Religion with their specialty teachers.

Future Dates: February 16, Field Trip to Seymour Marine Discovery Center;

March 26, Field Trip to Santa Cruz Natural History Museum.

We will need drivers for both trips. Please let me know later in the month if you are able to drive. These are both awesome field trips.

***Many 2010 Blessings To You All,
Elizabeth Weber***