





## **THE MONTH AT A GLANCE:**

This month will see the children learning about **Winter**, **Dinosaurs** and **Colours**!

The **T/Th** class will be creating some whimsical winter artwork for the first half of January and then will move on to learning about colours, beginning with the primary colours and the colour wheel to create the secondary colours as well!

The **M/W/F** class will also get a chance to create some whimsical winter crafts before moving on to one of the most anticipated units each year – **DINOSAURS**! They will also have a visit from Mad Science this month to expand their learning about Dinosaurs.

## **Handwriting Without Tears**

Every Monday will be completely dedicated to the letter we are working on. During our first circle-time a special Alpha Tales story focused on the letter we are learning, will be read to the children followed by group discussion of the letter and instruction on how the letter is formed. All children will have their own printing board to practice the letter as a group! Our craft that day will be a letter sheet that the children can colour and practice the letter with a marker/crayon.

The letters being learnt this month are:

<b>January 5</b> – Letter <b>O</b>	<b>January 12</b> – Letter <b>Q</b>
<b>January 19</b> – Letter <b>G</b>	<b>January 26</b> - Letter <b>S</b>

Children are invited to bring a picture of an item that begins with the same letter and we will glue it up on our poster board. Pictures can be clips out of magazines, newspapers or photographs (note photos will not be returned). Please only send 1 or 2 pictures! This will help the children in learning to sound out the letter/words.



## Last but not least...



### **MAD SCIENCE (M/W/F):**

Mad Science will be visiting the preschool on **January 21, 2026** to teach the children even more fascinating facts about Dinosaurs! Mad Science visits are always a blast and have the kids laughing and learning right along with the special guest presenter.

**COLOUR DAYS (T/Th):** The children in are encouraged to wear the coordinating colours during their Colour Unit this month (***found under Important Announcements***). On Rainbow day, the children are encouraged to wear rainbow colour outfits, tie-dye, etc. We cannot wait to see the children in all their cool colour outfits!



### **Parents Corner:**

If there is anything you would like to post in the Newsletter (recipes, fun facts, dad jokes, community news etc.), please email your post by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to the email listed below.

### **Special Helper!**








Your child will have the opportunity to bring in a special toy/book to share with their friends on their special day. Children will also get a chance to participate in running the last circle time of the day on their Special Helper day!

Teachers will be going in alphabetical order when planning Special Helper days. You will find your child's Special Helper day posted on the Parent Board at the entrance of the preschool. Please be sure to note your child's Special Helper day to ensure that they have something to share with their friends.

Parents may also come 15 minutes early to watch their child's Special Helper day presentation.

# Feeling under the weather?

## I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.0 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

## I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. i.e. Tylenol/ Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals.	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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