

## ~ Preschool ~

Happy New Year and welcome back from winter break! We are so excited to kick off 2023 and a new year! Before winter break, we took a dive into learning more about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas. Throughout the month we were able to learn a few traditions that people do while celebrating the different Holidays. Our virtue of the month was giving and sharing. We learned more about our virtue through lessons with our Kindness Elf, making gifts for our parents/grandparents, and reading books. Our Kindness Elf helped us with gathering food to donate to the IOCP Food Shelf. We spent each day over the last month learning ways to be kind through sharing with others, words we use with one another, and our daily encounters with one another.



Now here we are in January. This month we will be talking more in depth about Winter. We are going to break down our winter theme and talk more about snowflakes, arctic animals, snowmen and winter activities/sports! Our virtue of the month is about Celebrating people's differences. Each week we will be talking about how our differences make us who we are as people. We are going to have both strengths and weaknesses. But with our strengths, we celebrate how it brings us together to help each other and make a stronger community. We will be learning this through sharing activities, books, and daily activities. This is something that we can celebrate each and everyday at home and at school!



This month we will be celebrating Bella's birthday! Please be sure to bring in all snow gear including coats, snow pants, hat, mittens, boots, scarves (as needed/wanted). With many colds that had been going around, please be sure to bring all nap time belongings home at the end of each week or if your child goes home sick. Upon entering the classroom, please encourage your child to wash their hands with soap and water. If teachers are in the room, we will help to make sure that this is getting done before going to play with toys and friends! If you have any questions or concerns email either Larissa or Mariatu!

Happy January! We love having you in our class!

- Larissa, Mariatu, & Karin!

