

## ~Preschool~

Happy New Year from the preschool room! It is hard to believe how quickly the last year went, but we're excited to jump back into more learning adventures. We will start the month with a focus on Winter Sports such as; skiing, hockey, ice skating, snowboarding, sledding and more. The class will make a list of sports that happen outside during the winter months along with outdoor winter activities they enjoy doing with their families. Feel free to send a picture to the Bloom office of any winter outdoor activities you and your child enjoy this winter.

The last part of the month of January our focus will shift to arctic animals and winter animals in Minnesota. The children will start with observing animals that we see while we are out on our playground, documenting their habits and what qualities about of their body help them get through our cold season. The class will discuss how animals that don't hibernate make it through the cold winter months and what happens with the animals that do hibernate.

This month we will take a field trip to Maple Maze in Maple Grove. Please look out for details about this field trip on Homeroom and our permission slip located in the classroom. The children will play at the maze during the morning hours and return to school for lunch.

Show and Share day will be on the 5th after morning group time. Children can bring in one item from home they would like to share. Please leave your item at your child's cubby during morning drop off. The children will practice speaking in front of a group about their item, working on answering questions about it and lastly practice sharing their item with their peers. Sharing special items from home can sometimes be a challenge for this age group, but we get practice in by having these special days, discussing how we will all handle items with respect, we will only leave items on our group time rug with teacher supervision and that all items will be returned to the child that brought it in. As we have this conversation with the group before we show and share, the children get reassurance about their items and become more comfortable with sharing them.

Also this month we will have a PJ/book day on the 22nd. Your child can wear their pajamas to school and bring in one book to snuggle up and read in the morning.

We are excited to jump into winter fun in January!

Happy January,  
Your Preschool Team