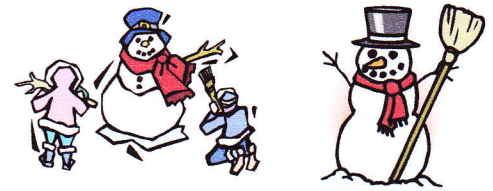


Playmates Learning Center Preschool - January 2011



Welcome to 2011! We would like to thank all the families that helped out at our Christmas party this year, a good time was had by all! A special thank you to all the children and their families for the wonderful gifts we received. Our homes were beautifully decorated and our families loved all our special goodies. Thank you all so much.

We hope you had a great vacation. We will begin our new year all rested and very excited to get back into our classroom. January will start off learning about the changing year, month, season and weather. Please be reminded that we try and go outside each day and that your child needs to bring boots, snowpants, jacket, hat and mittens. Please pack an extra pair of shoes so that your child can take off their boots in the classroom. As the month moves on we will be learning about snow, life and animals in the Arctic, polar bears and penguins.

Show and Tell will be January 20th and January 21st. Remember this is great opportunity for your child to share, so please be sure they bring something in their back packs. There will be **no school** on Monday, January 18th as it is Civil Rights Day. The daycare will be open for those who need it. Please sign up ahead of time.

Just a few quick reminders, school begins at 8:45 and we will begin greeting at 8:40. At drop off, we try to have the line go as quickly as possible so if you could have your child ready to exit the car, it would be a great help to us. This means coat on, back pack ready and if they are not unbuckled they need to be by the parent. Because of liabilities we are not allowed to buckle in your child. It is a good idea to teach them how to buckle in and unbuckle in case of an emergency. Finally, Playmates goes along with the Timberlane School District, Snow Day Policy. In the event of a delayed opening, we will start school at our regular time, we do not delay our class.

Lastly, we will be completing our "Thinking Game" evaluations during the first weeks of January. We will send home a notice about your Parent-Teacher conferences. You will be given a convenient time and day to discuss your child's progress in our Preschool program. It should last about 15 -20 minutes. If you have any special concerns about your child, please let us know ahead of time so we can allow a few more minutes. Both Dad and Mom are welcome to come. Wishing you a **HAPPY** and **HEALTHY** 2011.

Mrs. Dooley, Ms. Cregg and Mrs. Hawkins



January Skills

Introducing letters and

their sounds :

Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh

Rhyming

Numbers: 6 and 7

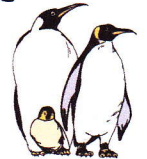
Shape - Triangle

Cooperative Play

Sequencing, Pairs

Patterning

Dressing for outdoor
play.



At Home

Visit the library and borrow some winter books.

Take a winter walk in the woods. Play a board game, take turns and cooperate.

Make a 24 piece puzzle.

After reading a story, talk about what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story.

Observe birds and animals in a snowstorm (be sure to feed them!)

Notice things that come in pairs.

