



Preschool 1



Wishing our Families a month filled with peace, love and joy

Important Days:

December 24 – Christmas Eve
Centre Closed at 2:00

December 25 - Christmas Day (**Centre Closed**)
December 26 – Boxing Day (**Centre Closed**)

December 27 – **Centre Closed**

December 31 - New Year's Eve
Centre Closed at 2:00

December 6 - Saint Nicolas Day.
The patron saint of children is the model for Santa Claus and gift-giving.

December 13 - St. Lucia Day
associated with Festivals of light

December 25 – beginning of Hanukkah,
the eight-day Jewish Festival of lights

December 26 – the first day of
Kwanzaa



Ideas to do at home:



When outside is too chilly, there is a list of fun indoor activities to keep the winter blues at bay.

Indoor Snowmen – build mini snowmen using cotton balls and construction paper

Winter Collages – create winter-themed collages using magazines, coloured paper, and glue

Homemade Soup – cook a comforting pot of homemade soup together



Indoor Camping – set up a blanket fort and go “camping” indoors

Song of the month:

Who is made of snow

sing to: “Do your ears hang low?”

We will have fun pretending to melt in this playful, interactive snowman song!

The call-and-response style builds listening skills as Preschoolers sing about what happens when snow is exposed to warmth.



Who is made of snow
When temperature is low?
Who stands outside
When the ground is cold and white?

Who starts to melt
When the warm sunshine is felt?
Who is made of snow?



Skills we will be working on:

- counting and one to one correspondence, pairing or matching familiar objects so that one object equals one number
- listening to simple stories and practice to retelling them
- proper pincer grasping using the “gator grip” poem:



*Mr. Alligator nip, nip, nip
Grab the pencil on the tip, tip, tip
Watch out gator you might flip!”*

- engaging in imaginative play
- using a napkin to wipe face and hands
- expressing emotions

Do you know..... No snow? No problem!

HOMEMADE SNOW

- Large, flat container
- 1 cup baking soda
- 2-3 tbsp white conditioner
- Add the baking soda to a flat container
- Add the conditioner 1 table spoon at a time.
- Combine the ingredients with your hands as you go, and stop adding your materials once your homemade snow reaches desired consistency, like “packing” snow.
- Store it in an airtight container for 7-10 days to keep fresh. Enjoy playing together!



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