



This Month's News January



A Happy FIRST birthday to Bella on January 1st and a SECOND birthday to Karsten on December 31st! What a fun way to bring in the New Year! This month we will be talking a lot about snow, ice, cold and what it means to be nice to people.

The older children (Lil' Roos) will be creating penguins and polar bears, as well as coloring a pair of mittens and snowmen pictures to hang in the room.

They will also learn how to make different types of puppets! Children will take turns using their puppets pretending to be kind or mean, generous or greedy, polite or rude. We will discuss what it means to be a nice friend or a mean friend.

Exploration activities will consist of a variety of materials that will be hidden inside our sand and water table. This may include Styrofoam peanuts, cooked noodles, snow (a favorite) or maybe a surprise!

Cooking with Jeri will include creating gingerbread boys and girls. Children will be able to add different designs and then eat their cookie for snack! Another snack time activity will be making a happy face sandwich: Spread a piece of bread with peanut butter and use raisins or chocolate chips to make a happy face in the peanut butter. Older children will make their own marshmallow snowmen using pretzel sticks.

Children will be singing some of their favorite songs - Jack and Jill, London Bridge and of course Ring Around the Rosy! Our stories will include Warm and Fuzzy and Just a Snowy vacation.

**Treats are always appreciated; unfortunately we can not accept anything made for the children which is prepared outside of the day care. If you would like to bring a treat for the children the regulations do allow parents to bring in the ingredients and we can make the treat here for you! Thanks for understanding.

