

**January 17-20**

**Theme: Animals**

**Prayer:** God watches over us all the day.  
At home, at school & at our play.  
And when the sun has left the sky,  
He watches us with a million eyes!  
Amen



**Bible Verse:** "Be kind one to another." Ephesians 4:32

**Letter of the week: LI**

**Dates to remember:** January 16 - school closed Martin Luther King day  
January 26,27,30 - school closed teacher work day

**Addresses** - We are beginning to have the children recognize their addresses, including house number and street name. Please continue to reinforce this at home.

**Names** - The children are doing a wonderful job writing their names. We are working on having the children write their names the "kindergarten" way which is the first letter upper-case followed by all lower-case letters. Thank you for continuing to reinforce this at home.

**Science:** We will discuss the difference between domesticated and wild animals. The children will match animal tracks left in the snow to the correct animal.

**Art:** The children will create a snowman using cotton balls, create a snowflake using marshmallows and pretzels, and create a snowman and rabbit scene.

**Math:** Using snowman learning cards the class will sequence numbers 1-30 and match numbers 1-20. The children will also sequence snowflake cups numbered 1-15 and then place the correct number of "icicles" in each cup.

**Language Arts:** Using sequencing cards the children will sequence the story "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do You Hear". The class will create LI using play-doh, complete workbook pages for LI, and match the ABC's on mitten learning mats.

**Dramatic Play:** The class will pretend to be the animals from the story "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do Your Hear". The children will also use Lincoln Logs to build a log cabin and play with Legos.

**Computer:** The children will be playing the Living Book, "Dr. Seuss' ABC's".

**Sensory Bin:** The class will be encouraged to explore our winter sensory bin which is filled with snowflakes, ribbons, luminescent shredded paper, and toy animals.

**Listening Center:** Using my Nook the children will listen to the book, "Fun Facts About Pets" by Seymour Simon. The class will also listen to the story "Without You" by Sarah Weeks.

**Small Motor/Visual discrimination:** The children will match pictures of snowflakes and then use clothespins to hang them on a clothesline. The class will lace animal lacing cards.

**Large Motor:** As the children pretend to be the animals from the story "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do You Hear?" they will one by one go underneath the parachute, we will then raise the parachute and the children will return to their places holding the parachute.

**A few of the books we will enjoy this week are:**

"Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do You Hear" by: Bill Martin Jr.

"Stranger in the Woods" by: Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick

"The Mitten" by: Jan Brett

"Just a Snowy Vacation" by Mercer Mayer

**Songs and Poems:**

**Snowflakes Falling-** sung to "Up on the housetop"

Snowflakes are falling on the ground  
On our houses and in our town

On my nose and in my hair  
Snowflakes are falling everywhere.  
Oh, oh, oh, out we go  
Oh, oh, oh, in the snow  
Making snowmen  
Sliding too,  
There are lots of things to do.

### **Five Little Snowmen-** sung to "Five Little Pumpkins"

Five little snowmen on a winter's day  
The first one said, "Wake up, so we can play!"  
The second one said, "Let's stomp on the ground."  
The third one said, "Let's roll around."  
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."  
The fifth one said, "I'm afraid I feel the sun."  
"Oh dear," cried the snowmen, as they looked toward the sky.  
And the five melting snowmen waved a fond goodbye.

### **I'm a little Snowman-** sung to "I'm a little tea pot"

I'm a little snowman short and fat.  
Here is my scarf and here is my hat.  
When the snow is falling come and play.  
Build a snowman every day.

### **Snowy Pokey**

You put your right mitten in, You take your right mitten out,  
You put your right mitten in and You shake it all about.  
You do the snowy pokey and you turn yourself around,  
That's what it's all about.

Additional verses:

Left mitten

Scarf

Boot

Hat

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