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January Newsletter
Room 3
Ms. Sharon and Ms. Dina

Dearest Parents,

Happy New Year!!! I hope your holidays were fun spent with family and friends. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Pageant last month. The children did a wonderful job and I was so proud of them. I also want to thank you again for the thoughtful and wonderful Christmas presents for me and Ms. Dina. We appreciate it very much.

For the month of January, our class will be learning about New Year and the different ways people celebrate. We will also be talking about our New Year's resolutions, skills we would want to be better at – being a good friend, eating more vegetables, riding a bike without training wheels, being more independent, etc. We will also be learning about healthy habits and proper nutrition.

January is also the month we celebrate Grandparents Day/VIP Day celebrating our dear grandparents and how special they are in our lives. We invite them to our classroom for an activity with their grandchild and enjoy a craft and a snack with them. For the children whose grandparents live far away, they can invite mom or dad, or an aunt or uncle. In line with this, we will also have Mystery Reader Grandparents Edition, which is something to look forward to. This will be scheduled with the Scholastic Book Fair on the last week of January. For this month,

we will be learning about the season of winter and hibernation. We will discuss the change in weather and the difference of rain and snow as well as animals who hibernate during the cold months.

We will also learn about Martin Luther King who we remember this month, and how he dedicated his life to make sure people are treated equally. We celebrate Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 20th.

We will also be learning the letters Kk, Ll, Mm, and Nn, for this month along with the numbers 12, 13, 14, the colors blue, pink and white and the shapes oval and cone.

In religion, the children will be learning to pray the Lord's Prayer as well as the Hail Mary.

Some of the art projects this month will be a Martin Luther King art activity and reflection, Lunar New Year craft, penguin arts and crafts, a cave for bears to hibernate, snowflake salt art, making mittens for fine motor skills. We continue to draw ourself-portraits, done monthly since September. We start the process by reading a book entitled David's Picture where the boy David draws himself step by step.

Show and Tell has been getting better as the children's communication skills and vocabulary improve. They are encouraged to say three things about their object (ex. Identify what it is, color, shape, texture, etc.) After they speak, their friends ask them questions

Important Dates for January:

January 2 Thursday	School Resumes
January 8 Wednesday	PTA Meeting
January 20 Monday	Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL Anthony's 5 th birthday!
January 27-31 M-F	Scholastic Book Fair/Mystery Reader

Jan 27 Monday
January 29 Wednesday
January 30 Thursday

Pajamarama Day
Lunar New Year NO SCHOOL
Grandparents/VIP Day
(details to follow)

Thank you all for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at spe.stgregoryecep@gmail.com or call the office at (914)835-1278.

Cheers,
Miss Sharon and Ms. Dina