



LCNS Newsletter

January 2015

Lincolnshire Community Nursery School

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Dates to Remember

Jan.5

School resumes

Jan 6

Book club begins again

Jan 7

Parent and Tot begins again

Jan 9

No school—teacher meeting

Jan 19

No school- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*******Dad's Day*******

Feb. 4--3's and pre-k

Feb. 5--OMO

Letter From the Director

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed winter break. We are looking forward to continuing our year at LCNS with many new and exciting events.

Our first semester Spanish program will end on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. The second semester of Spanish will begin on Wednesday, January 21, for 15 weeks. First semester lunch buddies ends on Friday, January 16 and second semester begins without interruption on Tuesday, January 20. New registration forms for these programs are available in my office and due by January 15, 2015. All programs are limited to a certain number of children and are filled on a first come first serve basis. Anyone already enrolled in Book Club and Eagles, you are signed up for the year and do not need to do anything. **Anyone interested in enrolling for second semester of am/pm Book Club or am Eagles, there is space available so please let me know.**

The winter season is a wonderful time for children to explore the outdoors, but being prepared for the weather is half the battle. Please send your children to school with the appropriate winter clothing, which includes hat, mittens, coat, snow pants, and boots. Children without boots or snow pants will not be allowed to play in the snow. The On My Own class as well as the 3's need to come to school dressed in their outdoor clothing. The pre-k will go out at the end of their day. Please label all winter belongings and having an extra bag to carry those items in is very helpful. If the temperature is below 25 degrees we **might** not go outside. However, come prepared for outdoor play on a daily basis because the weather changes quickly and we try hard to get outdoors even for only a short time if possible.

Please take a few minutes to read the events in your child's class and look at the January calendar. Thank you and as always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Warmest regards,
Amy Morrissey
Director, LCNS





On My Own January



Parent News

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday. OMO will continue to go outside at the beginning of the day if it is 25 degrees+ with wind chill.

Please be sure to send your child dressed for outdoor play (mittens, hat, boots/snowpants if there is snow). If your child wears boots to school, be sure to send a large bag to pack the winter gear.

**LABEL ALL WINTER GEAR
WITH YOUR CHILD'S
NAME.**



Themes

*Winter

**Goldilocks and the Three Bears*

*Winter Animals

*Dads

The children will be discovering the world of winter wonders by playing on the playground and inside with the snow in the media table. We will be doing a school-wide unit on *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, in which we will learn about different author and artist styles by reading various versions of the classic story. The children will learn about winter animals by comparing different winter animals paw prints. We will end the month by preparing a surprise for

**Dad's Day, which Thursday,
February 5th from 9-9:45.**

Please mark your calendar.

OMO



Looking Back

Community Helpers –

Thank you to Abby's mom, Mrs. White, for visiting our class and sharing what nurses do. The children also enjoyed a visit from the Lincolnshire Fire Department.

Holidays – Everyone enjoyed making a special holiday gift for their families and learning about the different winter holidays.

Literacy

Some of the books we will be reading this month:

*Hello Snow,
The Snowy Day, The
Three Bears,
Hibernation Station,
and My Dad Is
Awesome.*



Dates to Remember

January 6 – First day back

February 5 – Dad's Day (9-9:45)



3's January Happenings

Parent News

Happy 2015! Starting in January we introduce the alphabet, focusing on one letter a day. Look for a homework assignment in mid-January that coordinates with the alphabet. Watch for the share bag to begin coming home again in the new year with an alphabet theme too! Each child will get a letter and will bring in three items from home that begin with that letter.

NO SCHOOL

Fri, Jan. 9- staff meeting
Mon, Jan 19- MLK Day

Student News

January brings cold and snow and a unit on winter to welcome in the new year! Look for lots of snowmen and mittens! Our second unit delves into a classic- The Three Bears! The whole school focuses on this classic that week and the 3's will make Mama Bear to add to the school display of bears! Our month will round out discovering winter animals!.

Monthly Themes

Jan. 5 -7 Winter
Jan. 12 – 16 Three Bears
Jan. 10 – 30 Animals In Winter

3's January

Fine Motor

Using eye droppers to paint will challenge our fine motor skills as we create beautiful mitten pictures! Our class will be doing a lot of cutting and gluing with projects like creating snowmen and decorating our bears.

Math Skills

Matching and counting begin our January math. Students will count bears and find the corresponding number on the number line. We will graph the results of a Teddy Graham taste test.

Literature

The Mitten
Snowmen At Night
The Three Bears
Time To Sleep
We're Going On A Bear Hunt
In The Snow
Bear Snore On
Hibernation Station

Table Top

Our table top will feature matching games, duplos and puzzles as well as some work from our Handwriting Without Tears workbook to help work on proper crayon grip.

Science

Our class will make our very own bird feeder to take home to help feed our feathered friends in winter as we discuss how animals forage for food in the snow.

Our sensory table will be filled with oatmeal during our Three Bears unit and then move to snow for the rest of the month!



3's January

Special Events!

One of the amazing librarians from the Vernon Area Public Library will be coming in to visit our class on Friday, January 23rd. She will read a special story and talk to the kids about all of the special opportunities the library has to offer

****Save the Date****

Dad's Day Wednesday, Feb. 5th! Dads are encouraged to join us for some fun with their 3!



Questions/Concerns??

Feel free to call, email or simply pull us aside. We are always here to help!

Pre-K

JANUARY

January Themes

- ** Snow**
- **The Three Bears**
- **The 5 Senses**

Parent News

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break with family! Hopefully we will have snow on the ground for our unit about snow! Please remember to send your child with appropriate winter gear for playing outside. It really helps if EVERY item is labeled with a name in it, as it gets a little crazy when we are getting ready to go outside. Placing all items in a bag with a handle helps the children stay organized as well. We are excited for all that we have planned for 2015!

Student News

Welcome back! Get ready to play in the snow even if we don't have any on the ground! We will start out the week playing with pretend snow and shaving cream. We are going to read lots of good books about snowmen and make a couple of our own. Our second week will be spent learning about The Three Bears. We will read different books and even become actors and put on a play for the 3's and On My Own! Can you name the 5 senses? We will have fun smelling, touching, tasting, hearing and seeing lots of different things in week 3. Finally, we are going to make a special project for our dad's for Dad's Day in February!

Dates to Remember

- *Friday, Jan. 9th. No School—Staff Meeting**
- *Monday, Jan. 19th. No School—Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- *Friday, Jan. 23rd. Vernon Area Library lady visits LCNS**

Pre-K



Literature

Snow Ravens

Snow Balls

Three Snow Bears

The 3 Bears

Goldilocks and the

Three Dinosaurs

Somebody and the

Blairs

Dusty Bear

5 Senses Book

Benny

7 Blind Mice

I Know an Old

Lady Who

Swallowed a Fly

Math/Science

As a connection with our unit on the three bears, we will be graphing whether or not we like oatmeal after doing a tasting. Our scales will come out and we will weigh teddy bear counters and experiment with more than, less than and equal to terminology as well as comparisons between small, medium and large.

Finally, we will do some patterning with some of the props from the story **The Three Bears.**

Fine Motor

The children will outline a snowman using reinforcement stickers. They will use their thumb and finger to peel the sticker and carefully place it around three circles. This activity will help with eye-hand coordination and fine motor. The class will also draw a portrait of their Dad using crayons and markers.

Reading/Writing

We will begin the New Year with story dictations. We will meet with each child and they will "tell" us a story. After we are done writing, the children will illustrate and share their stories with the class. This activity will continue throughout the year and we will make a book out of all of the stories each child has written. Our Jolly Phonics letters are Q, G, S & J this month. Start thinking of some good words! To finish out the month, the children will write a short story about their dad in preparation for Dad's Day in February.

Pre-K

JANUARY

Looking Back

The classes LOVED The Wizard of Oz and all of our activities in preparation for the musical. The emerald city, yellow brick road and classroom murals turned out fantastic and everyone had fun creating them!



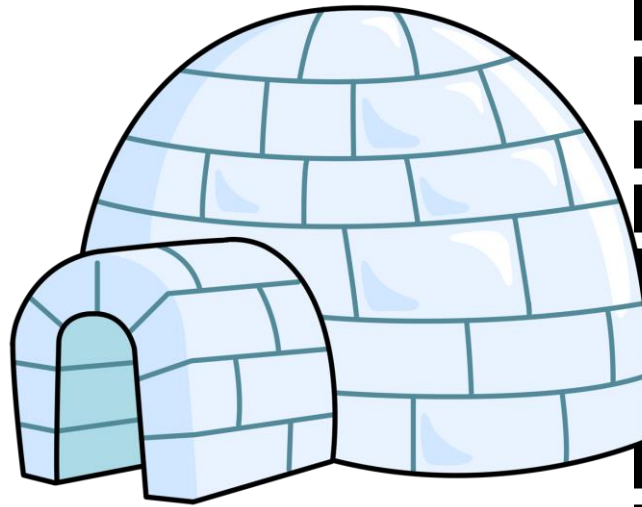
January EAGLES News

This month in EAGLES
We learned about
different homes around
the world! We
discovered igloos, mud
houses, house boats,
apartments, houses on
stilts, tree houses, and
log cabins just to name
a few!! We explored a
lot of non-fiction books
to visit different parts
of the world to see how
people live in their
homes.

Books We Read

At My House
This is the House That
Jack Built
The House in the Night
My Building
City Mouse Country
Mouse

Lots and lots of
building with legos,
blocks and boxes
Made homes out of
shapes and popsicle
sticks
Built igloos with sugar
cubes



Our next unit will be Ice Cream!!

There will be plenty of
graphing, patterning, and
counting in this unit. We are
also going to set up an ice
cream shop and make ice
cream dough. And of course
we might have to eat some!!

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 School Resumes	6 Book Club begins again	7 Parent and tot begins again	8	9 No School- Teacher Meeting	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31