

# Great Beginnings

Dear Parents,

January 2019

Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone for the very thoughtful Christmas presents and warm wishes.

This month our color is blue, our number is 5 and our shape is diamond.

We will be making blue snowflakes, mittens and puffy paint snowmen. We will be reading the book "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you See?" The children are encouraged to repeat the story line with us!

This month we will be working on songs with movement: "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes," "Thumb Song," "Hokey Pokey," and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." The children straddle their legs with a partner on the floor and hold hands while moving back and forth to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." We are working on "Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?" The children are encouraged to participate by individually saying "Who me?" and "Couldn't be!"

Some of the fine motor activities we will work on are using tongs to pick up pom-poms and moving them from one container to another and crossing mid-line. We will also be throwing cotton balls into a cup.

Lastly, we are working on some self-help skills. At snack time the children wash their own hands and throw away their garbage. We will also introduce the flip method to have the children put on their own coats. This takes a little longer at dismissal, so please bear with us. We begin dismissal at 11:10 so that we have enough time to communicate with you about your child's day and still end promptly at 11:15.

Thank you,

Miss Jill, Miss Sharon and Miss Pav

REMINDER: NO SCHOOL JAN.18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>