Happy New Year!!!! We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and spent quality time with their loved ones. Everyone has made wonderful progress during the first semester. We cannot wait to see how much growth everyone will make by the end of the school year! Most of our students know about the concepts about print (front/back cover, spine). In our four year old classes, we worked on continuing and creating patterns. With our three year old classes, we continue to work on counting and sorting. We continue to work on pre-writing skills (i.e. letters, cross, and square). We continue to work on waiting our turn to respond during small/large group instruction. Please see the box below for the home-school connection activities.

### What's happening in the classrooms?

#### Theme: Animals and Winter
- Continue to learn Winter and clothing
- Winter Animals
- Mixing Colors
- Review sorting, counting,
- Review Letters M, K, H

#### Important dates:
- 1/2/14: Back to school
- 1/20/14: No school/Martin Luther King Holiday
- 1/21/14: No school for all students/ Professional Development Day
- 2/17/14– No school/ Presidents Day
- 2/18–21/14: Home Visit week

#### What can I do at home?

**Math**  pull out your paint/fingerpaint to mix different colors to see what will happen (i.e. red + blue= purple).

**Reading**  Continue to read a story to your child. Ask your child to find words, letters, describe illustrations. For the four year old classes: practice writing the letters M, K, and H. For the three year old classes practice making horizontal lines, vertical lines, and circles.

### Recommend Books

- **Mouse Paint** by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- **We’re Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Rosen
- **The Mitten** by Jan Brett

### Friendly Reminders:

Please check your child’s bookbag on a regular basis.

Snack fee: $35.00 for the second semester