

Miss Nanette and Miss Sue  
News from Room #1

**FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:** During Brr It's Cold Week we learned about winter critters-Snackers, (animals that eat all winter), Nappers, animals that sleep for a time and then wake to eat and go back to sleep), Sleepers (animals that sleep all winter) and Flappers (birds that migrate and those that stay) A favorite story was The Mitten. We used props to retell the story during Choosing Time. We learned Polar Bears have black skin under their white fur to keep them warm, they don't climb trees because there are no trees in the arctic, they eat meat and their white fur hides them from predators. We also learned that Penguins are birds, but they don't fly. The highlight of transportation week was making and flying our own paper airplanes. During Marvelous Magnets week we learned that bigger doesn't necessarily mean stronger by testing the strengths of various sized magnets. The children really enjoyed the magnetic marble painting as well.

During the school year we have been working on words that start with letters that are relevant to the children. At the beginning of the year we gave clues to get the ball rolling. Our most recent letters were S (it was snowing that day) and W (winter weather). It was incredible how quickly the children responded with a wide variety of words. Even after we were on to the next part of our day many children would come to us and say "I have another word". We, of course, added the words to our list☺. We have also been working on prediction activities such as "Which block of ice will melt the fastest?" and "Which magnet is the strongest?"

**STAMP:** Please send a stamp (include your child's name) to school February 7 and 8. We will be using it to send a family valentine home.

**VALENTINES DAY:** We will celebrate Valentine's Day with games and special activities on Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14. If your child would like to bring valentines for the class, please send 15 (MWF class) and 18 (TTH class) cards with your child's name on each card. ***Please do not write the other children's names on the cards or designate boy or girl cards as this slows down the distribution process.*** If you would like to send treats for the children, please remember everything must be store bought and in its original container. Please do not send sealed treat bags containing multiple items. Thank you.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to Cam Thai (Alexander's mom) for spending time in our classroom and teaching us about Chinese New Year.

**FIELD TRIP:** We have scheduled a field trip to Ultra Foods the last week in February. Permission slips will be sent home mid February.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Please encourage your child to choose something that has special meaning to them. It could be a toy, picture etc.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** During the month of February we will be collecting plastic bottle caps of every color and size for use in graphing, counting, sorting, patterning, etc.  
***Please wash the caps before bringing them to school, the children will be handling them.***

**FEBRUARY THEMES:** Restaurant, Post Office, Valentines and Grocery Store.