

January Newsletter 2021
Mrs. Madaus and Miss Maura

We hope that you have enjoyed your school break and are ready to get back to learning with Mrs. Madaus and Miss Maura. Happy New Year 2021!

Our next theme in preschool is called, "Animals Everywhere." We will be learning about how animals move and the characteristics that make them different from each other. There will be animals that have fins and feathers, that swim and hop when we meet Fifi Fish. She will be teaching us about letter Ff during our first week back at school. We will also be listening to and producing rhyming words. Then during the second week we will meet Andy Apple, who is not an animal but will introduce us to animals that start with the letter Aa like ant and alligator. We will also talk about forest animals during this time as we read the story, The Mitten by Jan Brett; and compare books that show real animals and those stories that are make-believe. During the third week of January we will meet Zelda Zebra who will teach us about letter Zz and some things about zoo animals and animals in the wild. The first week of February will begin with a unit called "Under Construction." Our first Alphafriend in this theme will be Benny Bear.

Other concepts that we will be investigating during the month of January will be the season of winter and snowy weather. This will connect with the story The Mitten and types of clothing used during winter weather. We will also continue with math concepts like calendar, counting, making groups, patterning, measurement and data, and matching and making pairs. The students will also be introduced on how to use a tool for developing number sense called a ten-frame.

Miss Maura and I would like to thank you all for everything that you have done to participate in online learning and with Seesaw activities. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We will be scheduling a materials distribution date most likely during the second week of January. If you need any materials like crayons, markers, dry erase markers, links, unifix cubes, or anything else please let me know so that I can add them to the bag. Welcome back!

Dates to remember:

January 18: No School in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day