

# ZION PRESCHOOL JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

## Friendly Reminders

As cold weather approaches please make sure your child has the appropriate cold weather gear including coat, mittens, hat, scarf, etc. We do go outside!

Any weather related school schedule changes will be communicated to your phone number via the "Weather Recall" list and will be announced on Channel 5 news.



**January Snack Prayer:**  
Happy now we gather  
In our school today  
Help us Lord to listen  
And Bless our food today



Thank you for all the Baby Jesus gifts. Your generosity is much appreciated.



Check out the links on our web page. One link that you may find helpful for you beginner reader :

Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL) Web site. CELL is a research-to-practice technical assistance center funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Research to Practice Division. This website was designed for children with developmental delays however I found that the site had great practice guides for parents to provide their preschoolers with fun and exciting literacy learning experiences.



# JANUARY PLANNER



## January Lesson Plan Units Overview

### Community Workers

As children grow up, it is important for them to learn about the various roles people play in their communities. At some level children should begin to sense that people are links in a chain that is connected to where they live. We all play an individual part in making our neighborhoods complete. The lessons for this unit emphasize the contribution of the people who work in the community.

Learning Together:

- Call attention to the services provided by the people in your community and neighborhood. Who picks up the trash? What would happen if no one did that job? Who delivers the mail? What would you miss if no one brought the mail to your home? Police? Firemen? Medics?
- Discuss the work you do with your child. How does your work help other people? Talk with your child about things he or she might like to do when they are adults.



### Celebration

This theme encourages the children to think about celebrating all of their achievements and accomplishments. It reinforces the importance and significance of the small steps they're taking as they mature, such as getting older and bigger, making friends, and learning to do new things.



## What Research Suggests:

Repetition is critical to mastery. When children repeatedly practice what they learn, they enlarge their understanding of that skill. New experiences expand knowledge. One's self-confidence increases, allowing one to attempt increasingly difficult tasks. Our curriculum; DLM Early Childhood Express and Doors to Discovery, continually provide opportunities for children to revisit and practice activities they are striving to master.

- January 4 4's Snow Party
- January 13 Scholastic book order due
- January 13 Classroom field trip ; Community Helper
- January 14 Classroom field trip; Community Helper
- January 16: No school – Martin Luther King Day

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Scholastic book orders  
due 1/13/10

**WE PROCLAIM JESUS TODAY AND FOREVER**

# Winter 4's Snow Party

To help the students celebrate the winter season, we have shoveled up some fun activities for the 4's to do on Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>. On this special day the preschooler's can wear P.J's to school, yes pajamas!

Here is a list of some of fun filled snow activities we will be doing:

- Playing with snow in the water table
- Roll a "Snowman"
- Read Snowy Day
- Ice Skating
- Snack, popcorn and hot chocolate

