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January 2012 Parent Connect

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gabrielle 1
Madison 6
Brooklynn 21

THE HISTORY OF NEW YEARS!

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring).

The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

January 1-
New Year's Day
January 15-
Martin Luther King
Birthday

Interesting January Facts

Most of the world uses the Georgian calendar, which has January as the first month of the year. It is named for Janus, a Roman god. Roman legend has it that the ruler Numa Pompilius added January and February to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar in about 700 B.C. Pompilius gave the month 30 days. Romans later made January the first month. In 46 B.C., the Roman statesman Julius Caesar added a day to January, making it 31 days long. The Anglo-Saxons called the first month Wolfmonth because wolves came into the villages in winter in search of food.

In the northern half of the world, January is the coldest month. Nature is quiet and the birds travel less. The woodchucks and bears sleep day and night, in hibernation. The plants are resting, waiting for the warmer temperatures of the Spring. In the southern half of the world, January is the warmest month. Animals are very active, and plants are growing.



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From the desk of the Leadership Team

As we approach the winter and the extreme cold, please make sure that your children have coats, hats, gloves, and scarves with their name on each item. In order to keep up with these items the teachers have come up with the idea to keep all accessories in the coat sleeve so look for those items there. Also, with colds and sickness going around please continue to bring your children in their classrooms and wash hands as we recommend that you have them practice this at home to cut down on germs and prevent you from missing work or school. Thank you for your Cooperation.

Kris Parker

Visit us online @ www.cornerstonecdc.com for our calendar of events, weather closings, photo gallery & more!

Infants

This month we will be talking about snow. We will make our own special snowflakes and looking at pictures of snow. Please talk about snow at home with your child. If you have snowflake cookie cutters, this would be a great opportunity for a learning experience as well as a wonderful parent involvement activity.

Mrs. Tiffany Wilhelm & Catrina
Jordan

Tumbling Toddlers

This month we will focus on winter wonderland. We will discuss about snow and read several stories about winter. Please take time out of your schedule and let your child look out the window and tell you what they see, this will be memorable moment of the response you get back from them. Please share with us.

Thanks,

Ms. Kristin Sipes & Angie
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2/3 year old

This month we will be talking about the cold weather, snow and practice on putting our hats, coats, gloves and shoes on ourselves. Also, we will learn how to fasten them up as well as see how water freezes and melt. Encourage your child to put their own articles of clothing on by themselves. Reinforce learning to close or fasten them up.

Mrs. Pam

Pre- Kindergarten Class

This month we will be focusing on winter. W,S,I are our letters of the month and our color is blue. We will be using different activities to help with learning these letters and the color blue. We will also talk about some winter sports. Please ask your child questions everyday of something they have learned today. This will get them thinking as well as serve as a review.

Thank you.

Mrs. Gen

