

# Mrs. Kopp's January Class News 4 Year Olds Class

2020 is here! Both the children and I were excited to come back to school after our break. The children were certainly refreshed and ready to learn. I am so happy to see how well they adjusted back into the routine of our preschool days. January brought our class many new sensory activities as we explored and learned all about winter. This month we used pom-poms for many math games and crafts, snowflake stickers to peel and stick on our projects, snowflake stampers to make patterns, and even shaving cream to practice writing our letters!

## **Religion:**

During January we focused on Jesus and his early life. The children are becoming very familiar with our daily prayers. I hope that you hear them saying their prayers at home too. They really are getting the hang of all the words!

## **Reading:**

The new letters we learned this month were W, S, I, and R. Our focus in January has been letter formation. The children explored shaving cream and used it to practice writing letters. They had so much fun they did not want to stop! The whole class also loves to practice writing letters on our mini white boards. Thank you to Ace and his family for giving our class brand new dry erase markers. They were such a big hit and certainly had the kids excited to write. The children are getting so much more confident as their writing improves. Just look at those letter S papers they brought home! They did so well!

**Math:**

In January we focused on the numbers 7, 8, 9, and 10. The children did very well tracing and writing those new numbers. We compared quantities of pom poms (less and more), practiced matching mittens with different patterns, and made our own patterns from paper snowflakes and snowflake stampers. One of the children's favorite math activities this month was making a hot chocolate mug craft and counting and gluing real marshmallows!

**Colors:**

We continue to review colors every day. Our class did an activity where the children had to roll dice, count up the dots, match the number of dots to the color-coded rules, and color sleds with the right color. It was such an exciting and fun way to practice counting and review color knowledge. We also did several sorting activities that required the children to sort different object by colors. They really enjoyed that!

**Shapes:**

This month we enjoyed reviewing our shapes with the help our our "shape penguins" game. The children had fun finding different shapes and matching them to the penguin bellies.

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

February 14 - Valentine's Day party and early dismissal 11:30AM

February 17 - School Closed for Presidents Day