

# JANUARY

## REMINDERS

-Label everything! We have many items that our friends may have as well.

-Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather!

## IMPORTANT DATES

December 20th— Martin Luther King's Day— CLOSED

December 25th— Chinese New Year

## KNUFFLES

Knuffles, is our beloved class stuffed animal. Each week, one student is chosen as the 'Star of the Week' and has the opportunity to take Knuffles home for the weekend. Over the weekend, children may embark on thrilling adventures with Knuffles and capture precious moments to add into our photo album. We can't wait to see the incredible journeys Knuffles and your children will experience!

## ANIMAL HABITATS

In the first week, we will be learning about the vibrant jungle! Children will learn to write and spell different breeds of monkeys. Our math activities involve sorting foods gorillas can and can't eat in the jungle habitat. For science, we'll make wiggling snakes using baking soda, vinegar, and gummy snakes! And for art, inspired by Congo the Chimpanzee, we'll explore abstract art and create our own piece of artwork.

In the second week of January, we're diving into Polar habitats. For math, children will construct sugar cube igloos for math, waddle like penguins in alphabetical order for literacy, create a mesmerizing snowstorm in a jar for science, and craft adorable penguins through symmetrical painting for art.

In the third week, we will be learning about desert animals. For literacy, children will be tracing letters with kinetic sand. For math, we are going to learn how to count how many days camels can travel without water. For science, we will be making our own sand out of flour and baby oil. And for art, we will be making a mosaic cactus out of green paper scraps.

For the fourth week, we'll be learning all about the grasslands. For literacy, we will be going on a safari hunt, where the children will look for different animals hidden in the classroom. Once found, they will write the names of the animals. For math, children will use wooden pattern blocks to create their own grassland animal. For science, children will guess which printed fur, scales, skin belong to the animals. And for art, we will create a lion mask out of a paper plate and popsicle sticks.