

January Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

We wish a happy new year to all the boys and girls in the Junior K's room!

❖ Classroom News

Our objective this term is to reinforce cognitive skills and enhance language and communication proficiency.

*****This is Career Month*****

This term we will be calling all community helpers! The Junior K's will be learning about different **jobs** in our neighborhood. Your children will be dressing up as their favorite community helpers and learning about which tools they use in their jobs. They will explore this theme through storytelling and dramatic play. For instance, our Job Chart will focus on the responsibilities of a mail carrier, a secretary, and a doctor. Children will assume such roles within the classroom setting. (Don't worry, we won't carry out any major surgeries!) *If you are a parent who would like to teach the class about your career, please see Ms. Myrna.*

The Junior K's will also be focusing on **shapes**. We will introduce them to the different letter shapes in the alphabet and how they correspond to the Letterland characters (e.g. Clever Cat looks like a "C".)

The Junior K's will be signing their own names in as they arrive each morning as a method of expressing their **writing skills**.

Number recognition will also be explored in this unit. Children will be drawing connections between a set of objects and its corresponding number.

Basic geometric shapes will also be reinforced within their everyday environment. You can guide your child with this by pointing out different

shapes within your home, school and on the road. We encourage you to compare shapes and sizes with your child.

❖ **Things To Remember**

1. Please bring in *spare clothes*, hats, and water.
2. Ensure that all of your child's things are labeled.
3. Think "healthy" when packing your lunch boxes. (Please feel free to ask for suggestions).

❖ **New Face:** A special welcome to Jada Lightbourne.

❖ **Birthdays:** We say "Happy Birthday" to **Carlton** on January 27th!
We wish **Malachi** a "Happy Belated Birthday" whose birthday passed on December 20th.

❖ **Thank you** for all the wonderful gifts that Santa Claus brought in for Ms. Myrna, Ms. Jacqueline, Ms. Jeanette, and Ms. Sharon.