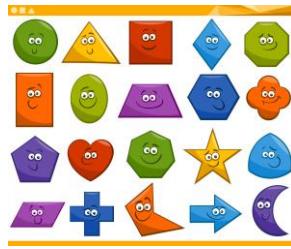




BUSY BEES JANUARY '26 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. We are so excited to be back at Busy Bees and cannot wait for the fun and learning we have in store for our Busy Bees friends in the new year. This month, we will explore winter and all kinds of shapes through fun science, art and literature activities.

JANUARY THEMES: Winter Freeze and Shapes

IN-HOUSE FIELD TRIP: January 14th and 15th Ed Popielarczyk

Ed is a beloved magician who has been captivating audiences for years at schools, libraries, and events everywhere. Known for his surprises, fun stories, and interactive shows, Ed loves getting everyone involved in the magic. His performances are filled with laughter and wonder, making him a favorite among children and families alike!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Play Snow

Ingredients:

3 cups baking soda, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white hair conditioner

Mix the baking soda and the conditioner with your hands in a bowl. If it is too sticky, add more baking soda. If it is too dry, add more conditioner. You can place it on a tray and make a snow scene. Try building a snowman. For more detailed instructions you can watch a YouTube video. Here is the one I watched.

<https://www.simplemost.com/how-make-2-ingredient-fake-snow/>

PAJAMA DAY: January 29th and 30st

You may wear comfortable jammies to school for a day of comfort and fun!

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEA:

Every year we do a community service project. In the past we have collected food for Open Pantry, children's clothes for Lydia's Closet, and much more. **Please reach out to me if you know of an organization in need that we can collect for.**

REGISTRATIONS are due for 2026-2027:

Registrations are now due for next year and we still have openings. If you have not handed in your registration for next year and you plan on sending your child, please do so. If you know anyone looking for a pre-school for next year, please let them know about Busy Bees. We would be happy to give a tour to interested families.

SNOW REMINDERS:

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

Please listen to East Longmeadow Public School cancellations due to inclement weather. When East Longmeadow cancels school for the day, Busy Bees will be closed. **When East Longmeadow Schools are delayed for one or two hours, we will open at 9:45.** Pick up will be the usual time, between 11:30-11:45. I go to this website to find updated closings and delays. <https://www.wwlp.com/weather/closings/>

Also, here's a friendly reminder to please pack snow gear when the snow flies. You all have been wonderful about that, thank you! We will stay inside if the temperature or wind chill is below 20 degrees. We will also stay inside if the playground gets too muddy or too icy. Also make sure your children have warm pants and warm gear on days that we go out without snow on the ground. **Tights and leggings can get very chilly!**

Please make sure that your child's name can be easily found on their water bottles, backpacks, and all outdoor clothing. We have markers on the cubbies that you can use. Have your child help place snow gear in the cubby, so they know where to find it later. Please show your child what is packed so they can identify their own clothing. All these things help us prepare to go outdoors. Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

No School on Monday, January 19th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

No Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, January 13th.

Scholastic Book orders are due Tuesday, January 13th 8:00 PM. Please order online. Go to: www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. Then enter class activation code: HBMN4

Sincerely,

Marna Shields

