

SLCC News

January 2019



Notes from the Director. . .

SLCC is looking forward to a New Year filled with explorations and new discoveries. All of our classes will explore the qualities of snow in a multi-sensory way discovering how snow looks, feels, smells, sounds, and tastes. Our snow exploration will reinforce and enrich our three and four-year-old children's study of winter weather and how it affects our outdoor world around campus. Our older children will take nature walks observing and sketching the changes in our natural world. We are hoping to spark ideas and begin short term investigations about children's questions and interests. (Stay tuned)

Our two-year-olds will begin a long-term study of the "Sky". We will introduce them to a variety of literature about the different things you can see in the sky to include airplanes, birds, clouds, sun, and moon. We will bring in our exploration of snow to introduce the concept of weather.

Our toddlers will begin a study of cars, trucks and trains. We will introduce them to a variety of vehicles and create a track in our classroom to discover "how vehicles move?" Our transportation book collections will reinforce and answer simple questions about our children's favorite vehicles.

Our infants have been busy exploring a variety of "teachable moment baskets". Each day our teachers facilitate play introducing our infants to materials that promote discovery. For example: the concepts "on/off" are introduced with a basket of hats and mittens. Children are encouraged to put hats and mittens "on and off" while singing a song to reinforce the concept.

January School-Wide "I Love You Ritual"

A Wonderful Woman Lived in a Shoe

"A Wonderful Women lived in a shoe."

Have the child sit in your lap and lean against your body

Wrap your arms around the child and hold one hand

"She had so many children"

Hold each finger as you say a word from the line

"She knew exactly what to do"

Take the other hand and say one work holding each finger

"She held them,"

Fold the child's fingers into a fist and place your hand around child's hand

"she rocked them,"

Hold hand securely, rock side to side

"and tucked them in bed."

Place child's hand close to his/her chest (hugging)

"I love you, I love you" Is what she said."

Say these words lovingly to the child (hugging)

Wonderful Woman



Announcements & Reminders

Family Involvement Group

First and foremost our SLCC leadership team and teachers want to **thank all of you** for our delicious soup and salad bar.

Our next **FIG meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 8th at 6:00** in the Education Building. We welcome new members and have lots to plan for the spring season.

Registration for 2019-2020 School Year

We will begin the registration process on February 1st for our current school families. The week of January 28th we will place registration forms in your child's cubbies to be completed and returned by February 15th. After February 15th we will open registration to the St. Luke's church members and the families on our waiting list so be sure to register early to ensure your child has a space for the next school year.

Snow Exploration and Discovery

During the month of January all of our classes will have the opportunity to explore snow. We will use our industrial snow cone machine and will make snow each day for our children to manipulate and explore. Each grade level will have a week with snow in their sensory tables for experiments and discovery activities. At the end of each week that grade level will have a snowball toss. We would like to invite you to participate in the fun and could use some help preparing snowballs. Snow ball tosses will take place each Friday at 3:30 beginning the week of January 7th. We are also asking that you **send in a pair of gloves or mittens** for your child to keep at school during the month of January.

