



# 4K News



January 8th, 2021

Happy New Year! With all of the snowfall so far this winter, the children are getting so good at putting on their snow gear by themselves! (snow pants, snow boots, jacket, hat, and mittens) The children are all trying hard at being members of the Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah Club, in which you're a member if you can zip your jacket independently.

**Math**-The children were able to review shapes while they made gifts for their parents for Christmas. They formed triangles, circles, and squares on some of their artwork. For example, a Rudolph ornament was a triangle, a handprint tree was on a canvas square, and they made circles for ornaments on their tree and for their snowman cards. We also made patterns using different shapes. The children practiced making the numbers 0-10 driving Hot Wheels cars on a race track in the shape of that number. For our gingerbread unit this week, the 4K students are using size words to compare different gingerbread people. (taller/shorter, bigger/smaller, longer/wider) Words you can practice at home with toys.

**Social/Emotional**: For our Second Step curriculum, the students have been talking about different feelings we have about a same experience and how it's okay for everyone to feel differently. For example, going to a dental appointment. Some children love the dentist and other children were nervous or scared thinking about their next appointment. In Play Workshop we are discussing how good it feels to show kindness to others and share. Everyday, we end our Play Workshop talking about these behaviors we saw during play time.

### Upcoming Events:

- \*January 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th -Meadowbrook Spirit Day
- \*January 18th & 25th-No School, Staff Development Day
- \*January 27th- Dress Like a Tourist Day

## Literacy

**Reading**: The children heard many stories about holiday traditions and how people celebrate Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas. We enjoyed making a dreidel and learning how the game is played. The 4K students loved the story, Olive, the Other Reindeer. Olive thinks Santa is calling him to be a reindeer when Olive hears "all of" which is really Santa saying "Olive". This week we are reading different stories about the gingerbread boy/girl and comparing aspects of the story and how the clever fox ends the story.

**Writing**: For our Handwriting Without Tears curriculum, we learned about the "magic c" and how many letters are formed by starting to make a letter c. The letters the children learned the last month were: C, O, and Q. The 4K students enjoyed making a snowman with letters of their name on each snowball. We made a journal entry about what we would run from if we were the Gingerbread Man and drew a picture with it. The children broke their word into parts to hear each letter sound to write on their page. The 4K students are playing different games to help them with letter recognition and what sound each letter makes.