

# Peek At The Week

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday break. It was nice to get back into our K-1 routines this week! To start the new year, we've been learning about the new season. We read many books about winter, discussed things we see and do in winter, graphed our favorite seasons, and made mini-books about types of clothing we wear in different weather. In centers, the children each worked on a page for a new traveling book about things they like to do in winter.

In Readers' Workshop, we spent one more week reading the rest of the books in our Tomie dePaola collection. His stories have been great for retelling, and the children love discussing their details and illustrations. They really enjoyed Big Anthony and the Magic Ring, and after reading they practiced sequencing by drawing the things from the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Of all the books that we've read, their favorite is still the first Strega Nona story we read with the magic pasta pot!

In Writers' Workshop, the children wrote new year's resolutions! Each child wrote about something that he/she would like to learn this year. Their writing was used to create our January Class Quilt. It came out great and we would love for you to stop in and see it! The children also worked together to create a long list of winter vocabulary words, which they wrote onto a chart that is now hanging in our room. This has become another resource they can use to help with their writing.

In Math, we played games to review many of the skills and concepts the children have learned since the beginning of the year. This includes identifying and ordering numbers, skip counting, graphing, measurement, and patterns.

In Religion, we read our *Promise* magazine, which focused on Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The children also learned about the Feast of the Epiphany, which is today, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Next Wednesday, we will attend School Mass at 9 a.m. As always, you are welcome to join us. We hope to see you there. Have a great weekend!

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# JANUARY

(TUNE: FRERES JACQUES)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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ICICLES AND SNOWFLAKES.

ESKIMOS AND SNOWMEN.

WINTER'S HERE.

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Winter!

## Outside Recess

Please send in children with appropriate clothing for outdoor recess. We will continue to go outside on days that the temperature is above 20°F, including the wind chill. Snow pants and other gear can be left at school so that your child does not have to carry it back and forth each day. Please let us know if you would like him/her to leave things at school, and if you would like it to come home on weekends or school breaks.

Thank you!

