

The Bottlenose Beat

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January Learning Highlights

Science and Social Studies

- Explore concepts of force and motion, including push, pull, and gravity
- Plan and build a structure using the engineering design loop
- Study penguins and the continent of Antarctica as it relates to animal survival during the cold winter months
- Draw and identify the three states of matter: solid, liquid, gas
- Learn the history of New Year celebrations
- Discuss Martin Luther King Jr.'s messages of peace and equality

Math

- Adding two groups of objects to complete addition number sentences
- Taking a group of objects apart to solve subtraction problems
- Writing basic number sentences with the use of pictures
- Combining tens and ones to make teen numbers

Reading Comprehension & Phonemic Awareness

- Practicing reading "heart" and "popcorn" words by sight
- Using animal strategies to read emergent level pattern books
- Learning how readers go back a page or two to reread and rethink, solve unknown words by saying the first letter sound, think about what is happening while pointing to the words...and more!

Writer's Workshop

- Setting and illustrating school or personal New Year's resolutions
- Using checklists to make stories 'talk'
- Utilizing punctuation to tell readers when to stop

Parent Partnership Project

All winter long we will be collecting photos for our "SNOW What Fun" classroom bulletin board. As your child plays, hikes, sleds, skis, shovels or builds, outside be sure to capture a photo and email it to me so they can be included in the collage!



Above: Practice makes perfect! Bottlenose students rehearse for the big show.

Below: Dressed to impress, we perform holiday favorites on the gym stage for all to hear!



Upcoming Important Dates

- January 5th - School Resumes
- January 9th - **CSA Spirit Wear Day** (uniform bottoms required)
- January 12th - Parent Council Meeting at CSAMS, 6:00pm
- January 14th - Morning Announcements in Bottlenose (make sure your child arrives on time to participate in this experience!)
- January 16th - Rollerama 1:00 - 4:00pm
- January 19th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, School is in Session
- January 22nd - Field Trip to Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, CSA Family Fitness Night
- January 30th - CSA Parent Council Family Movie Night
- February 2nd - Groundhog Day
- February 6th - Valentine's Day Party
- February 9th - Parent Council Meeting at CSP, 6:00pm
- February 13th - 16th - No School for Students, Mid-Winter Break



Force & Motion Fun and Hands-On Museum Field Trip

Kindergarten students will be learning all about force and motion this month. We will enrich this unit of study by taking a trip to the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum on Thursday, January 22nd. To conclude this lesson, students will create their very own arcade game engineered out of a cardboard box. Please prepare to provide your child with the necessary supplies for their game.

Thank You

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to every Bottlenose parent for their generous support throughout the past month. Whether you assisted with classroom activities, contributed donations, or offered thoughtful holiday gifts, your efforts are deeply appreciated. Thank you all for your continued partnership and commitment to our students' success.

January Sharing/Events Calendar

Be sure to check your child's Tuesday folder for a printed copy of the Bottlenose monthly class calendar. This document contains all of the upcoming important dates (including birthdays, share days and special events) happening in January.

Winter Weather Gear

Now that we are officially into 'snow season', please be mindful that you are sending your learner to school with proper outerwear each day. We will continue to go outside for recess unless the RealFeel temperature/wind chill dips below 0 degrees. Warm boots, snow pants or snowsuits, hats, and waterproof gloves will help keep students safe. Please remember to label each item!

A huge thank you to those who contributed their time and/or donations to help make our Christmas party so very merry!



Field trip permission slips will be sent home in Tuesday folders. Please return your child's permission slip and payment in a marked envelope no later than **Friday, January 16th**.

If you are interested in chaperoning, please make sure you stop by the front office to fill out the necessary paperwork for a background check (if you have not done so already). This will require a copy of your driver's license to be made and needs to be completed ASAP in order to receive clearance in time. An unlimited number of parent chaperones may drive themselves and meet us at the museum; however, only two chaperone spots are available on the bus. Please email me (slambert@csaschool.org) to confirm your seat on the bus before checking the box on the permission slip.



Valentine's Day Party

Our Valentine's Day party is just one month away! This celebration will take place on Friday, February 6th.

Your child may distribute valentines to the 22 students during the party. Please have your child write their name in the 'from' section and leave the 'to' portion blank to expedite this process 😊 We will be assembling bags to collect our valentines in during the week so no need to send in a box from home!

More information (including a SignUpGenius link for donation items and station volunteers) will be sent via email as this date approaches.



JANUARY CHARACTER CORNER

★ optimism
★ responsibility ★ getting along
★ respect ★ work ethic ★ kindness

Accepting Differences

One of the caring habits we teach at CSA is negotiating and accepting differences. Later this month, there will be a puppet show featuring a new student who looks different and likes different things. Tabby cat begins to complain and gossip about her classmate's distinctiveness but Tom cat doesn't seem to notice. There will also be another puppet show where Tabby likes broccoli and Tom doesn't. We will learn that sometimes people don't always look the same or like the same things, but that doesn't mean they can't be friends.

Talk About It:

Have a conversation with your child about these social skills (before bedtime or during dinner are great opportunities to chat about and reinforce the important life skills we are learning in kindergarten)



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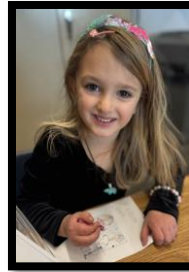
- Is everyone going to look the same?
- Is everyone always going to like the same things?
- Does it mean that you aren't friends with someone just because they look different or like different things than you?



When I see you through my eyes,
I think that we are different.



When I see you through my heart,
I know we are the same. ~Joe Zantama



Evelyn and Katie carefully craft their family holiday gifts.

Sharing and Voice Volume

This month we will also review the two social skills: **Voice Volume** and **Sharing**. Our two kitty puppets were coming in from recess and one begins shouting "YOU'RE IT!" trying to play tag in the hallway. In another scenario Tom refuses to share his markers. We will discuss how sharing can mean using the same item at the same time or taking turns. We'll reflect on times when someone didn't share with us and examine how it made us feel.

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Voice Volume

Why is it important to use appropriate voice volume? What happens if we talk too loud? What if we talk too quietly? What can we do if a friend is talking too loudly?

Sharing

Why is it important to share? What should you do if someone is not sharing? When is it okay not to share? What if there isn't enough to share?