



Mrs. Rutkowski & Ms. Janine Pre-K

Beechwood School

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season.

We plan on exploring the themes of the Calendar (new year, names of months), Hibernation, winter; including snowmen, ice, and animals in winter. Arctic animals such as polar bears and penguins will be fun!

On January 15, the school will be closed for Martin Luther King Day; it will be a time for us to discuss Dr. King and the need for kindness and tolerance.

With the arrival of winter please remember to send your child with warm outerwear, hats, mittens, (pants for girls) we will go out as long as the yard is dry enough. (Ms. Janine and I often wish for “school boots” as the mud can be bad.) The need for running and air will only increase as the days go by. Obviously we will not go out in wet or dangerous cold (below 30) but we will try to be ready for the prospect. If your child’s spare clothes are not winter it may be time to send in a change of clothes.

Remember that infused in all our play is the alphabet and numbers. We encourage you to let your child write his or her name whenever possible. Use the appropriate lower case letters. Read to them and point out words in their world and your travels together! They are growing so fast, it’s going to be a great year!

We’d like to thank you for your continuing support and cooperation and remind you to address any questions and concerns with us as they arise.

The class Dojo App is the quickest way to reach us and hopefully for us to reach you so I’d like to encourage you to set notifications and to monitor for news from office and daily updates.

Please visit [Scholastic.com](https://www.scholastic.com) and place book orders by Jan.20. Thank you for ordering and building our class books!

