

Rush Nursery School, Inc.  
RNS 4's/UPK/KinderPrep  
January Newsletter 2024  
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Dear Parents,

Happy 2024! We hope your holiday season was wonderful and 2024 will bring you a year full of happiness.

In January, we will be focusing on our winter weather. We will also be talking and reading about what animals do during the winter months.

Please remember to continue to send in your child's labeled outdoor clothing. On nice days we will be going outside, as long as it is not too windy or wet. If you could send their clothing in a separate bag, it would allow their school bags to be free for projects, artwork and notes. This would be very much appreciated.

We will also be continuing to concentrate on preparation for kindergarten. Throughout the year students bring home activities to work on. These are optional. Some activities will include tracing, matching, cutting, patterns and sequencing. We will also continue to learn our birthdays, addresses, phone numbers etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

January brings kindergarten registration. Parents who are concerned about their child's readiness for school next year should call us to discuss their options.

We have also planned our next field trip. It is to Leap 'N Laugh. The MWF 4's, UPK and KinderPrep classes will all be going at the same time. We will be going on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – noon. Permission slips will be sent home in a separate email. Please read the permission slip carefully. Hardcopies will be available at RNS upon request. Thank you.

**February 3rd is Someone Special Saturday at RNS.** This is a special day for your child to show the special adult who accompanies them all the things he/she likes to do at school. Please dress comfortably and plan to have some fun. The times for each class will be sent soon.

As always, please never hesitate to contact us for any reason. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Important dates to remember:

January

**2-School Reopens**

15-Monday Martin Luther King Day (school closed)

16-Tuesday (no school for Tu/Th classes) 24-Panera Fundraiser

22-26 Spirit Week

26-NO SCHOOL FOR UPK



### **Winter Songs and Finger plays**

#### **I'm a Little Snowman** (I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little snowman  
Short and fat  
Here are my buttons,  
Here is my hat.  
When the sun comes out,  
I cannot stay.  
Slowly, I just melt away.

**Sprinkle, Sprinkle Little Snow**  
(Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)  
Sprinkle, Sprinkle, little snow;  
Falling down on us below;  
Small and white powdery,  
such a joy for all to see.  
Sprinkle, Sprinkle, little snow;  
Falling down on us below.

#### **Five Little Snow People**

Five little snow people standing in a row.  
The first one said, "We are made out of  
snow." The second one said, "I have button  
eyes."  
The third one said, "We look like funny guys." The  
forth one said, "Feel how the cold wind blows!"  
The fifth one said, "It might freeze my carrot nose!"  
Then drip, drip, drip,  
For it was a sunny day.  
And the five little snow people-dripped right away

#### **Snowkey Pokey** (Hokey Pokey)



You put your mittens in, you put your mittens out. You put  
your mittens in and you shake them all about. You do the  
Snowkey Pokey and you turn yourself around. That's  
what it's all about.

**Continue using other items of clothing and apparel.**