



Thank you to the many families who contributed supplies and treats for our holiday parties.

A Reminder: Your child may not wear boots in the classroom because their feet become too warm and the floor wet and slippery. You may choose to have your child leave an extra pair of shoes in the cubbie or send shoes. We have extra sneakers available for those days when shoes are forgotten. Soft-soled shoes are necessary for the gym.

### SCHOOL CANCELLATION REMINDER

Winter is now upon us. We close when the Brunswick School Department cancels school. We will also close when they have a delayed opening. Cancellations will be announced on radio stations: WGAN (560 AM), WMGX (93.1 FM), WYNZ (100.9 FM), WPOR (101.9 FM) and TV stations WGME (channel 13), WCSH (channel 6), WMTW (channel 8) and WPXT (channel 51). There have been a few times when we have closed the Preschool program even

though the public schools are open. These are rare cases when the weather has deteriorated during the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and we feel it is too hazardous to the safety of our families. If our decision to cancel is made as late as 8:30 a.m., we will call individual families.

### Preschool Registration for fall 2012

Registration Dates for the 2012-2013 Preschool Year are as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 3	Enrolled Brunswick Residents
Tuesday, Jan. 17	Brunswick Residents
Tuesday, Feb 21	Non-residents

You may pick up registration forms from Karen Thibodeau in the office. If you know of friends interested in exploring our Preschool setting please have them contact the Head Teacher to set up a visiting time during our regular morning schedule. Children must be 3 years old by October 15, 2012 and toilet trained to register for fall 2012.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

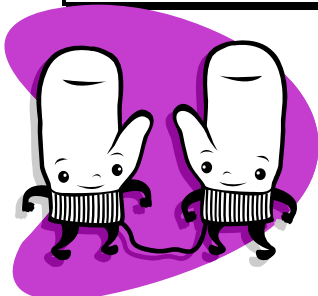
**Tuesday, January 3 FALL ENROLLMENT begins for all currently enrolled Brunswick residents.**

**Monday, January 9 & 10 FIREFIGHTER visits. THE FRIENDLY MONSTER**

**Monday, January 16 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, January 17 FALL ENROLLMENT begins for all Brunswick residents.**

**Tuesday, February 21 FALL ENROLLMENT begins for all Non-Brunswick residents.**



**PRESCHOOL NEEDS**  
 Plain Brown Paper Bags  
 4 oz. Baby Food Jars  
 Green, plastic (berry) baskets  
 Boy's Clip-on Ties



*Happy New Year!*

# Six Self-Esteem Builders

by Stan Davis

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1. **Let them know when they please you**  
Many parents tell their children what they do *wrong*. They also need to know what they do *right*.
2. **Set limits. Say "no" -- and stick to it**  
When children have reasonable boundaries and expectations, they develop self-control.
3. **Limit TV watching**  
Kids who spend their time doing things learn how to do them. Kids who spend their time watching, learn only how to watch and be entertained.
4. **Teach them how to do things**  
Everything a child learns is one more thing she can be proud of.
5. **Read to them**  
Nothing else has as much positive effect on school achievement as reading to your children when they're young.
6. **Talking and Listening**  
Learning takes place when a parent and child talk together. Children learn that their ideas are valuable when *we* listen to *them*.