Thank you to the many families who contributed supplies for our holiday parties or food for our can drive!

**GENERAL 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 either on screen or online or you can check our website or Facebook. 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.

**JANUARY CALENDAR**

- **Monday, January 20th** MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.’S BIRTHDAY NO SCHOOL
- **Wednesday, January 29th** Mrs. Toothaker’s MWF class to Arctic Museum
- **Thursday, January 30th** Mrs. Toothaker’s & Mrs. Cameron’s T/TH classes to the Arctic Museum

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD DRESSED APPROPRIATELY FOR THIS FIELD TRIP! THANK YOU!**

**PRESCHOOL NEEDS**

4 oz. Baby Food Jars
Happy New Year!

 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.