

January 2021

January 4-8

Happy New Year!

- * Discussion: "I would like to learn _____ in 2021!"
- * Arts & Crafts: Create a Noise Maker and New Year Party Hats
- * Outdoor Activities: Countdown from 10-1 with instruments and Rectangle Hopscotch
- * Sensory Exploration: "Firework Science" (water, oil and food coloring)
- * Learn & Sing: "New Years Here" (tune: "Frere Jacques")

January 18-22

Diversity: All Are Welcome

- * Discussion: "What makes you unique?" & "What does diversity mean?"
- * Sensory Exploration: Skin Tone Playdough (create dough people)
- * Critical Thinking: Diversity Egg Experiment
- * Arts & Crafts: Self-Portraits, Multicultural Mural, and create your own snowflakes
- * Read: *All Are Welcome*, *The Color of Us*, *One Love*, and *She Persisted*

Special Events:

January 1:

Happy New Year! (School Closed for Winter Break)

January 4:

School Resumes

January 7:

Virtual Connect to Kindergarten Parent Session
*More Details to follow

January 8:

Spirit Shirt Day

January 15:

Assessments Sent Home to Parents

January 19:

Virtual Author Visit with Mara James

January 11-15

Famous Landmarks: California and Beyond

- * Discussion: "What is a landmark?"
- * STEAM: Golden Gate Bridge (STEAM project) using glue, string, paint and craft sticks
- * Arts & Crafts: Create- Washington Monument (painting) and Stonehenge (clay)
- * Critical Thinking: "Landmark Matching"
- * Read: *Goodnight California*, *Houses Around the World & All Aboard California*
- * Nature Walk: Investigate the *Turtle Rock* landmark

January 25-29

Weather Conditions

- * Science Experiments: Water Absorption (using cotton balls & blue watercolors)
- * Critical Thinking: Cloud Observations with white crayons & watercolors (Vocabulary words with visuals - Cirrus, Stratus, Nimbus & Cumulus cloud formations)
- * Math: Marshmallows Igloos ("How many marshmallows does it take?"); write findings
- * Sensory Exploration: "Snow Dough" & Rain-sticks in a bottle (rice, cotton balls, funnels & water bottles)
- * Mindfulness: Weather Yoga (outside activity)

Monthly Concepts:

Shape: Rectangle Color: White
Opposites: High/Low Values: Respect
Motor Development: Catching a ball



Ricky Rectangle (Shape of the Month)

Ricky Rectangle is my name.
My four sides are not the same.
Two are short and two are long.
Count my sides. Come along— one, two, three, four.