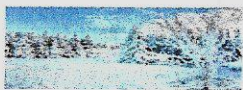




## Winter Quarter 2019



Winter is here! For the Pacific Northwest, that means dreary days and lots of rain, and maybe a little bit of snow. Not to worry! We will keep our kiddos entertained by making fake snow, snowflakes and ice sensory activities. Winter is all about learning about animals that live in cold climates and where they live. We also learn about the different types of cold weather we can have- snow, hail, ice, blizzards and so on.

We also learn about the different holidays that occur during the darker months and the new year. The various festivals of light include Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. We also celebrate New Year's Eve/Day, as well as Lunar New Year, the Asian new year festival. This year is the year of the Pig! We invite families to share their holiday traditions with their child's class, so we can learn more about our students! In February we have Valentine's Day, which we will celebrate with Valentine's cards, and a cute Valentine's day party.

Since the weather is getting colder, we want to remind parents to bring warm clothing for their children. As we tend to have rainy weather for most of winter, we strongly recommend having rain gear and extra clothing in case of getting wet.

## Important Dates:

Tues Dec. 24 & Wed. Dec. 25:  
Christmas, Petite Academy CLOSED

Wed. Jan. 1: New Year's Day, Petite Academy CLOSED

Mon. Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Petite Academy CLOSED

Mon. Feb. 17: President's Day, Petite Academy CLOSED

## Upcoming birthdays:



### December

Edgar- 12/5

Greyson- 12/9

Teacher Alexis- 12/20

Claudia- 12/29

Kyna- 12/31



### January

Teacher Aicha- 1/1

Vyom- 1/2

Sadie- 1/29

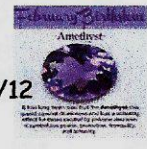
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### February

Samuel- 2/3

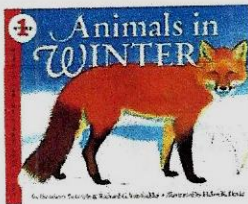
Teacher Shoulanda- 2/12



## Recommended Books:



Animals in Winter, by Henrietta Bancroft & Richard G. Van Gelder



The Snowy Day, by Ezra Jack Keats



The Mitten, by Jan Brett



Penguins, Penguins, by Bob Barner



## BOOKS FOR THE AGES:

Different ages need different book and picture formats. Based on your child's age, reading development, and interest, books offered should fall into the categories below:

### Toddlers:

- 13-18 months- Books about interests, and more detailed illustrations
- 19-30 months- concept and theme books, with predictable wording

### Preschool/Pre-K

- Books with simple narratives; has characters, a problem, and a plot that leads to a resolution
- Informational books
- Predictable-text books; easy to remember and recall
- Concept books that teach a concept or skill