



MONKEY CLASS NEWS

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Happy New Year! With a new year comes a new beginning! Hopefully we are all refreshed and ready to run to the end of the school year.

We will be focusing on the color BLUE and the shape RECTANGLE for the month.

As many of you know, we have introduced the calendar into our circle time activities. We talk about our month, the letter it starts with and sound it makes, as well as counting and some basic introductions to numbers.

We will also begin our Zoo-Phonics and Hand Writing Without Tears (HWWT) Curriculum through the end of the year. HWWT will guide us using age-appropriate letter formation as we begin to practice writing various letters of the alphabet. It will NOT go in alphabetical order! We will begin with letters using horizontal and vertical strokes and then move onto circles, diagonals, and then intersecting lines. We will introduce a Zoo animal each week that corresponds to the letter we are practicing writing by presenting a stuffed animal for a visual and a catchy phrase to help make a connection.

This month will be all about Super Heroes and Space! Ninja Turtles, Captain America, Hulk, and Wonder Woman will help us with our projects. We will become Super Heroes and complete an obstacle course of rescuing those in distress (climbing stairs), walking across "fire" (red, yellow, and orange tissue paper), knocking over the Villains (bean bag throw), and maybe even a little bit of flying (scooter rides)...While we wear our own personal Super Hero Capes!

We will then jump into space. We will use various art techniques to create a sun, earth, and moon for a landscape picture, learn about stars and use the first letter of our name to make a star constellation, and even have a visit from an Astronaut!

We love to go outside as much as possible. Please make sure to send your child with a **coat, hat, and gloves DAILY!** Unless the weather is too cold or too much snow is on the ground, we will be going outside!

Miss Shannon, Miss Corey, and Miss Riley

Special Announcements

This Month's Themes:

- Jan 9: Super Heroes
- Jan 16: Super Heroes
- Jan 23: Space
- Jan 30: Space

Home Activities

Go on letter hunt in the grocery store looking for the letter of your child's first name.

Count, count, count!

After play, have your child help you clean up their toys-help teach responsibility!

Important Dates

Jan 15: No School-Equality Day

Jan 30: Astronaut Visitor

CDC CORE VALUES

1. Live Each Day with Courage
2. Take Pride in Your Work
3. Always Finish What You Start
4. Do What Has to Be Done
5. Be Tough, But Fair
6. When You Make a Promise, Keep It
7. Ride for the Brand
8. Talk Less and Say More
9. Remember That Some Things Aren't For Sale
10. Know Where to Draw the Line