



# Little Village Preschool

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## January 2026 News from the Office...

Happy New Year! December was an extremely fun, but busy month! The Christmas program was super cute and all the children did such a wonderful job. We LOVED having Santa and Mrs. Claus visit this year, he always keeps everyone on their toes during the month of December. I hope you all have a relaxing holiday season and enjoy some quality time with the people you love the most, AND, if you do that, you're probably ready to get back to school and work!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to Hannah's Socks this year, your generosity never ceases to amaze me, and there are lot of people out there who are going to have some warm feet thanks to you!

Getting into the new year now, just want to give everyone a reminder about inclement weather days. If we experience bad weather, be sure and check your emails as that is the first route I will use to communicate any closures, we will also send a notice through Teaching Strategies and Facebook.

The children will not go outside if the temperature is 25 degrees or less or the wind chill makes it seem that cold. If the temperature is warmer than that, the children will make an effort to go outside, so make sure your child has all the necessary clothing to do so (boots, jackets, snow pants, gloves or mittens, hats, scarves etc.).

Sometime during the month of January, we will be sending you our annual Parent Survey. We appreciate your cooperation in completing the survey, it helps us to improve our program. Keep in mind that if you have multiple kids enrolled with us, you should complete one survey for each of them. Whoever's class has the highest percentage of returned surveys will receive a special pizza party lunch!

Last of all, January 16th is Pajama Day, one of our favorite days of the year! Send your child to school in their comfiest pj's, we will not go outside that day!

### \*\*January Themes\*\*

Arctic Animals  
Resolutions  
Special Abilities  
Snow  
Winter  
Hibernation

### January Birthdays

Logan M.	1
Eleanor N.	3
Moses M.	4
Phineas H.	3
Azaiah C.	6
Julian W,	3
Herrick L.	3

### Miss Amanda



## Miss Tiffany & Miss Arianna — Infant Room News

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were full of joy and cheer, your break was relaxing, and everyone was in good health!

For January our student of the month is Connor! Connor is a sweet little guy with an even sweeter smile! He is always on the go and can be found rolling around the class, which can get him into some silly situations. We can't wait to see what silly mischief he'll get into when he can crawl.

Our themes this month are New Years, Pooh and friends, Artic Animals, and Snow and Winter. During our snow and winter week, we are planning a snow sensory activity and may even paint with snow! We will let you know which days those activities will be so you can pack extra clothes. On January 16th it is PJ day! We will be sending requests for items like diapers, wipes, extra clothes, and baby food when we return from holiday break when we take stock of what we have here.

Our family involvement activity this month is a snowman. We will be sending home snowmen for you and your family to decorate. We will display them on our door. We will send them out on the first week that we are back, so look for that!

## Miss Nikki —Toddler I News

Happy New Years! I am excited for the new year and new adventures with my class. Our themes this month are snow, Winnie the Pooh and friends, arctic animals, and hibernation. I am ready to help them explore the different animals and how they react to winter weather. Some dates to be put on your calendar are as follows: the 5th the center will officially reopen for the new year. On the 12th I will be placing homework in your child's cubby. Please be sure to take it home and complete it with your child and bring it back before or on the 19th. On the 16th we will be having a center wide pajama day. This means your child will be able to wear their pajamas to school, we just ask that if you have them wear slippers or footie pajamas, that a pair of shoes be brought in so we are still able to go outside (weather permitting). On the 22nd we will be having a movie day in the toddler room. Our student of the month is Waylon! I look forward to every day that I get to watch him grow and learn. Lately he has really started to progress in some of our cognitive activities. He challenges me in all the best ways.

I hope everyone had a great break! Have a great January!



## Toddler II Miss Kayla

Happy New Year!! We are so excited to see what 2026 will bring. We know one thing for sure; there is a lot of learning, laughs, and love that will happen here at LVP!



To start out the month we will be exploring all things snow. We will do fun experiments with colors, heat, water, and more! We will make sure to send you pictures of all of the scientific adventures! Our center wide pajama day will be on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to have the kiddos wear their cutest jammies as we will have some super fun and cozy inside activities that day. No need to worry about them being cold outside, as we will be staying in that day, so slippers and robes are acceptable! Our next theme will be Winnie the Pooh in honor of his birthday on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will read lots of books about Pooh Bear to work on our language and literacy skills. Prompts and answering questions throughout the stories, as well as retelling details are just a couple of skills that our older toddlers work on at this stage of development. Arctic animals are the next topic that we will dive into. We will discuss animals that live in cold weather, and how they survive in the cold. The following week we will discuss the animals that hibernate and migrate. We will do some fun activities like slide around on "ice" like penguins with wax paper over our shoes, hibernate in a "cave" like bears by making a blanket fort in the classroom, and playing arctic animals in a sensory bin with snow!

I would like to welcome Jude to our group! I am excited to have him and see all of the great things that he will learn! I know he is a spunky little man, so I am sure he will bring the energy! I would also like to say "see ya later" to our friends Hal and Phineas! Both of them are turning 3 this month and will be transitioning to the Preschool I group. It has been a pleasure having them in my class and know that they will do great things! Our class will miss you! Happy Birthday to you both!

January's student of the month for our class will be Brooklen C. She is one smart cookie! She loves to be a helper, and is a good friend to all! Way to go Brooklen!!

I wish you all blessings of happiness, health, and safety in this New Year!

Miss Kayla

## MISS KELSEY— PRESCHOOL I

WELCOME TO 2026 PRESCHOOL I FAMILIES!  
I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A FABULOUS HOLIDAY, AND A RESTFUL  
BREAK!

TO START THE MONTH OFF, WE'LL BE LEARNING ABOUT  
(AND HOPEFULLY ABLE TO PLAY IN) THE SNOW!

ON JANUARY 9TH, WE'LL HAVE A SHOW AND TELL—BRING  
IN SOMETHING WHITE. NEXT, WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT ARCTIC  
ANIMALS AND HIBERNATION. WE'LL BE MAKING "COMFY  
CAVES" IN OUR COZY CORNER AND PRETNE THAT WE ARE PRE-  
PARING TO HIBERNATE. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A CENTER WIDE  
PAJAMA DAY ON JANUARY 16TH, AND A SHOW AND TELL ON  
JANUARY 23RD (BRING IN A COZY ITEM).

TO FINISH OFF THE MONTH, WE WILL EXPLORE OUR FIVE  
SENSES! DURING THIS THEME, WE WILL BE PAINTING LIKE  
OUR ARTIST OF THE MONTH, JACKSON POLLOCK BY FLINGING  
PAINT WITH OUR FINGERS. PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND YOUR  
CHILD TO SCHOOL THAT DAY IN CLOTHING THAT MAY GET  
DIRTY FOR THIS ACTIVITY ON JANUARY 23RD.

I CAN'T WAIT TO SPEND ANOTHER MONTH LEARNING AND  
GROWING!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO MOSES (4), JULIAN  
(3), AND PHINEAS (3)! I HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE THE BEST TIME  
ON YOUR SPECIAL DAYS!

OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY WILL BE JULIAN!  
JUJU BEAN HAS GROWN INTO THE BRIGHTEST, CALMEST  
AND FUNNIEST FRIEND! HE LOVES TO MAKE OTHER SMILE AND  
HAS BEEN A GREAT ADDITION TO PRESCHOOL I! GREAT JOB  
JULIAN!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!



## Teacher Mya's Preschool II News

Hello families,

I hope everyone had a great holiday break! As the new year has started, we are ready to get back into the swing of things here in the Preschool room.

Our first week back we will have a theme of Snow! We'll talk about where snow comes from, why it snows and what activities we like to do in it. On Friday the 9th we'll have a Show N' Tell: Bring in something white! The following week we will be learning about Arctic Animals. What makes these animals different from others? Could they live here? We'll find out! Friday the 16th is a center wide pajama day, wear your comfy cozy pj's! The third week will be a theme of Hibernation. We'll discuss why animals hibernate, where they do it and how! Friday the 23rd will be a Show N' Tell: bring in a cozy item. This could be a blanket, slippers, stuffie etc. And to end January we will learn about the 5 Senses. What are the 5 senses, how we use them, and how important they are.

\*\*\*\*\*STUDENT OF THE MONTH\*\*\*\*\* Congrats to Keefe Snyder for being Preschool 2's SOTM!!! Keefe is articulate, witty and reminds me that it's never the wrong time to have a good time. His laugh is contagious, and his hugs bring instant serotonin. Keefe, you are brilliant don't ever change!!

Letters: F and L

Numbers: 5 and 12

Shape: Octagon

Color: White

Author: Jan Brett

Artist: Jackson Pollock



## Miss Angel—Pre K I News

Happy end of December! Everyone did an incredible job at the Christmas program, and we had a really great month in the classroom. Our Christmas party was successful, and I hope everyone has a relaxing and healthy winter break.

In January, we'll be learning about the well-known author of children's stories like The Mitten and The Hat, Jan Brett. Using various recollection strategies, students will be able to use their sequencing skills to accurately retell the stories in their own words. We'll follow this up with a brief study of our country of the month - Canada. After talking about the lovely Canadian weather and a few native animals that prefer a colder environment, we'll spend the rest of the month talking about seasonal themes.

A lot of pre-k students have told me this year that winter is their favorite season and that they love the cold! We'll talk about our favorite and least favorite winter activities and all the things that you can do with snow. If there is snow on the ground, we'll bring some in to look at under a microscope and maybe make some connections to why their teacher always asks them to stop eating it. Pre-k students will study arctic animals and learn about surviving in the cold, as well as animals that hibernate. We'll turn the cozy corner into a bear's den for students to try out.

The January student of the month is Josephine A. I am so lucky that I get to have my daughter in my class to see all of the growth and development in her each day not only at home but school as well! She is a good friend to everyone, loves to go outside, play with Barbies, and learn about the weather! Keep up the great work Josie!

Have a great New Year!

Miss Angel

## Miss Sarah's Pre K News

HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME TO JANUARY 2026! AS WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR IN THE PRE K ROOM, LET US REFLECT BACK ON ALL THE LEARNING ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN 2025. NOW THAT 2026 IS HERE, THE BEST IS YET TO COME AND THE FUTURE IS OUT THERE WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED. WE HOPE THIS YEAR IS FULL OF MANY NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR YOUR CHILD!

THIS MONTH, WE WILL FOCUS ON THE THEME OF WINTER. WE WILL USE OUR SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY SKILLS TO FIND OUT HOW SNOWFLAKES FORM FROM WATER VAPOR AND TURN INTO AN ICE CRYSTAL, THEN A SNOW CRYSTAL AND FINALLY INTO A SNOWFLAKE. WE'LL ALSO LEARN AND EXPERIMENT TO SEE IF BIG OR SMALL SNOWFLAKES MAKE THE BEST SNOWMEN. OF COURSE, WE WILL FIRST NEED SOME SNOW FOR THIS ACTIVITY! WE WILL USE OUR MATH SKILLS TO FIND OUT WHAT SHAPES AND SIZES SNOWFLAKES CAN BE ALONG WITH HOW MANY SIDES THERE ARE IN EACH SNOWFLAKE. WE WILL ALSO READ WINTER THEMED BOOKS IN OUR READING CENTER SUCH AS "SNOWMEN AT NIGHT" AND "SNEEZY THE SNOWMAN". WE WILL ALSO READ BOOKS BY OUR AUTHOR OF THE MONTH, JAN BRETT, WHO WROTE "THE MITTEN" AND "THE HAT" AMONG OTHERS. FOR ART AND MOVEMENT DISCOVERY, WE WILL EXPLORE WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE MIX ICE CUBES WITH PAINT FOR AN INTERESTING ART PROJECT. OUR SNOW BALL TOSS GAME WILL HELP THE STUDENTS WORK ON THEIR GROSS MOTOR SKILLS. WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS ARCTIC ANIMALS SUCH AS POLAR BEARS, PENGUINS, AND MOOSE AND HOW THEY KEEP WARM IN THEIR COLD ENVIRONMENT.

THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY, WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT HIBERNATION, AND WHICH ANIMALS HIBERNATE AND WHICH ANIMALS DON'T. THERE WILL BE HANDS ON ACTIVITIES TO HELP US EXPLORE THIS CONCEPT.

OUR ARTIST OF THE MONTH IS JACKSON POLLOCK, HIS PAINTING TECHNIQUE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT. HE CREATED ACTION PAINTING, WHICH INCLUDES THROWING AND SPATTERING PAINT FROM LARGE PAINT BRUSHES ONTO PAPER. THIS COULD GET A BIT MESSY, BUT OH SO FUN!

OUR COUNTRY OF THE MONTH IS CANADA, AND WE WILL DISCUSS THEIR FLAG AS WELL AS SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH.



OUR PRE K II STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE LEVI! LEVI LIKES TO PLAY IN THE DRAMATIC PLAY AREA AND IN THE SCIENCE CENTER. HE HAS COME OUT OF HIS SHELL IN A WONDERFUL WAY THESE PAST FEW MONTHS AND IT IS GREAT TO SEE! HE IS A FRIEND TO ALL AND IS A JOY TO HAVE IN CLASS.

### **\*\*January Points of Focus\*\***

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