



Dear Turtle Families,

January 8, 2019

We hope everyone had a great start to 2019! We started back with Children's Choice. Each student had a chance to choose an activity to put out during morning choices. They also shared a yoga pose for the class to do during circle. A lot of our class picked coloring, building, fuse beads or silly putty. Teachers enjoyed reading some of their favorite books during circle time.

Now we are going to learn about weather! This week we will explore the sun, clouds and the water cycle. In the weeks to come we will focus first on snow and then on storms. We will transform the loft into a weather forecast station.

We will introduce "have to" tables that students will need to complete during morning choice time. Students will be asked to check their name off once the "have to" is finished. We will start with one "have to" and work our way to 5 or 6 "have to" activities that will need to be completed by each student each day. The expectation will be that students will learn how to manage their time as they prepare for a kindergarten classroom.

Please remember to send all the snow gear everyday even when we start inside so we have the opportunity to go out before lunch time. Students are working hard to put on all their outdoor gear themselves! This group of students is very capable of taking care of self-help skills such as packing up their backpacks and getting dressed. In the classroom we are encouraging students to take care of their needs themselves. They are doing great!

Just a reminder that we are always happy to have family members come in to share an activity or be a guest reader. Let us know what works for you and we can make it work. The kids love having their special grownups or siblings visit the Turtle Class! Also, please check your parent mailbox which is outside our classroom. Information from the office as well as other parents may be waiting for you.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Ali, Niki, Dominique, Carrie and Johnny