



December/January Turtle Times Newsletter

The Turtles started off December with a ROAR! We learned a lot about dinosaurs. We made Model Magic fossils, painted with dinosaurs, searched for dinosaur eggs and bones in the sand table, made dinosaur claws and blow paint volcanoes! Phew! We were busy.

We then moved onto Children of the World and learned how not all of us do things in the same way. We made a paper mache balloon earth, a community handprint peace sign, we colored self-portraits and learned about where we live, and our house addresses.

We started off January with Children's Choice. This is where the children get to pick one of their favorite activities that we all get to do during the week! It is a

wonderful way for the students to get excited coming back to school after having so much fun being home with mom and dad for the week.

After Children's Choice we have ventured into space. We have learned about planets, stars, and what astronauts do. The children have loved making sun catchers, star constellations, spin-art planets and rocket ship names! Some of our most loved books have been, *Astronauts and What They Do*, *Stars*, *Eight Spinning Planets* and *Chicken in Space*.

We have been so lucky to have two guest readers this month. Thank you to Evan's grandfather, Garry, for joining us and reading *The Cat in the Hat*; it was so much fun seeing all the fun hats! It was also wonderful for Jonah's father to come in to read, *My First Chinese New Year*. It was very special to learn about the festivities surrounding Chinese New Year. The kids love to have guest readers!

We are amazed at all the learning and growing your children are doing everyday. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for continuing to send all of the

winter gear even when we start off inside,
New England weather is tricky. It is
always best to have options.

The Turtle class will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14 th . In the spirit of friendship and kindness, children are able to bring in valentines for their classmates. If you would like your child to bring in valentines for his/her classmates, please keep the following in mind:

- We ask that your child only writes his/her name on their valentines. This will make it easier for the students to independently put their valentines into their friends mail bags
- There are 19 children in the Turtle Room, please be sure to bring enough valentines so that every child can receive one
- Please send your child's valentines into school in a bag so that we can keep them all together.
- You are welcome to send them in any day between now and the 14 th , we can hold onto them until we are ready to hand them out.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Happy February!
The Turtle Team