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Winter Wonders

Winter is a magical time of the year! Whether your snowflakes are made from ice, glitter or just paper, the winter can be fun wherever you are. We'll start off with a chance to make New Year's resolutions and then explore the beauty and science of snow. Then we'll look at other winter wonders from the winter wear we wear to the winter animals that thrive in the cold.

Week One

Unit Theme – Snow, Snowflakes, and Ice
Bible Focus – The Beatitudes

Week Two

Unit Theme – Winter Wear
Bible Focus – The Beatitudes "Matthew 5:5-6"

Week Three

Unit theme – Winter Animals: Penguins and Seals
Bible focus – The Beatitudes "Matthew 5:7"

Week Four

Unit Theme – Winter Animals: Polar Bears
Bible Focus – The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:8

Extracurricular Activities

Welcome parents to the new winter term that is filled with extra special fun for your child. This year we will be offering Music, Dance, Spanish and Yoga for your child to enjoy. If you are interested in signing your child up, please do so to avoid disappointment.

- **Music- Music & Me** - Tuesdays at 2:30-3:30pm - \$125 Account: HSBC 002-075893-011
- **Dance-** Keya's Dance Sensation - Wednesdays at 9:30-10:30am - \$100 Account: BNTB 20 030 060 156822 200
- **Spanish-** Ms. Stephanie - Thursdays at 10:30-11:30am - \$60
- **Children's Yoga- Horizon Health** - Thursdays at 2:30-3:30pm - \$120

All extracurricular will run for 12 weeks starting the week of the 19th of Jan. 2015

DUE DATE: Friday, January 9th, 2015

New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

Isabel Holden

Jaden Walrond

Upcoming Birthdays

1 January - Ms. Aruna
8 January - Jayanna Walrond
16 January - Ms. Sophia
19 January - Alyssa Penrose



Friday Hot Lunches



January 9th – Franks & Beans/Roll

January 16th – BBQ Chicken & Broccoli/Carrots

January 23rd – Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Applesauce

January 30th – Beef Chili & Rice

The cost hot lunch \$10 a week or \$40 for the month. If you are interested in hot lunch, please return forms with payment.

Vocational Career Pathways Program

Parents we would like to take this opportunity to inform you that we are a part of the Career Program at Cedarbridge Academy. This program assists students who are interested in the Early Childhood Education and other fields to gain valuable job experience. Students work in the environment and insight into the daily operations. This year we have been allocated two students who will come in every Tuesday and Thursday for the entire day. Please welcome Tahira Carr (January-March) and Omar Barnett (April-June). Students will act as junior assistants and given minimal tasks but will not be responsible for the general care of the students.

Starfall

LITERACY

Here at the Onionpatch Academy we utilize numerous resources to enhance learning and social, academic and physical development. This month we will look at one of our online academic resources – Starfall.com.

Starfall.com has been a free online resource since 2002, teaching millions of children to read and inspiring a love of learning. The website is kid-safe. There is no advertising and we do not collect any personal information from children—in fact, we're one of the safest children's websites on the internet!

Starfall is the brain-child of Stephen Schutz. At age 9, Stephen was still struggling to read. What came easily for his peers required many more hours of his work. As a reader, he was consistently toward the bottom of his class. Now a PhD in physics and a successful publisher and artist, Dr. Schutz, with the help of his dedicated team, created Starfall to ensure today's children have resources that can help.

Starfall is so easy to use, there are no complicated instructions. The website supports your child's exploration. Every word when tapped or clicked will read aloud enabling your child's speaking, reading, and writing vocabulary to grow alongside his or her curiosity. On occasion, sit down with your child and use the website together and encourage your child to share what he or she has learned. Although the website is organized sequentially, please allow your child to play freely and create a unique path.

Like many online programs, there is no substitute for good old fashioned reading so please remember to turn off the computer or mobile device and read to your child or have them read to you. Have conversations about what you read. Ask your child questions about the stories and encourage him or her to ask questions in return. Invite your child to read to you. When he or she reads even just a few words, be very proud! Celebrate these small successes. It will motivate your child and open a world of knowledge.

Please see your child's teacher for more information about how we use Starfall at the Onionpatch Academy.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."

— Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!



By: Holly Hobbie



By: Carrie Burnell



By: Anne & Harlow Rockwell



Habit 3 – Put first things first

"Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least." ~ Johann Goethe

Covey Connection:

- What is important? What is the priority?
- Chores before play
- Wash hands before eating
- Sequencing activities – what comes first? What comes second?