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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. This month as the children get started in a brand new year, we'll take a look at the wonders of winter. 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

Week Five

Unit Theme– Igloos and Eskimos
Bible Focus – The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:10-12

ONIONPATCH REMINDERS

Just a friendly reminder that fees are due no later than the 5th of every month. If fees are not received by end of the day of the 5th a \$100 dollar late fee will be added to your fees.

New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

William Basden
William Gary James Pemberton
Hannah Scaife
Jalen Tuckett

Upcoming Birthdays

Ajhi Smith - January 4th
Jayanna Walrond - January 8th
Aziah Pimentel - January 5th
Noah Gibbons - January 26th

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Upcoming Events

Music Program winter term January 8th
Hola Amigos Spanish Class January 9th

NUTRITION

Here at the Onionpatch Academy we promote healthy habits for all children. We would like to encourage parents to send along with their child healthy breakfast, lunches and snacks. Serving food that enriches their brain and growth development will give them optimal learning development. Fresh Fruit or yogurt is an excellent choice for a morning snack.

UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN "TOILET TRAINING"

Ready or not? Learning to use the toilet is a big event in a young child's life. Toilet teaching is easiest when children are physically and emotionally ready, which happens between the ages for 2 and 3 years. Girls usually gain physical control over their bowel and bladder muscles before boys do. ON the average most girls are potty trained by age 2 ½ and most boys around the age of 3. But don't be alarmed if your child doesn't follow this pattern closely: individual children mature physically at different rates.

The secret to success is patience and timing. Emotional readiness is also important. Many bright normal and healthy 3 year olds many not be interested in learning to use the toilet. Learning new thing is a full time job for most toddlers and toilet learning many not be as important as learning to climb, jump, run and talk. A toddler who resists toilet training now may be ready in 3 to 6 months then often learns almost overnight.

Ask yourself the following questions:

Can my child:

- Follow simple directions?
- Remain dry at least 2 hours at a time?
- Walk to and from the bathroom, pull down pants, and pull up?

Does my child:

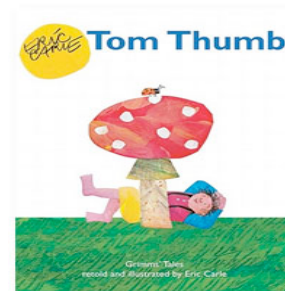
- Remain dry during nap time?
- Seem uncomfortable with soiled or wet diapers?
- Show interest in the toilet or potty chair?
- Have bowel movements that are regular and predictable?

If you answered "yes" to most of the questions, you may want to introduce your child to toilet training. If you answered "no" to many questions wait awhile longer. Rushing a child trough toilet training will only result in tears and frustration. In fact starting too soon many actually delay learning. When a child is truly ready, toilet training will seem much easier.

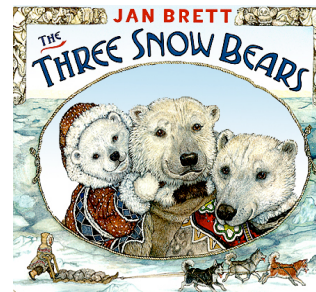
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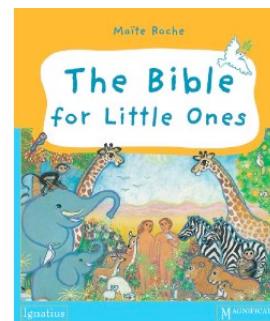
Cars, Planes, Boats and Trains By Sam and Stuarts



Tom Thumb: By Eric Carle



The Three Snow Bears: By Jan Brett



The Bible for Little Ones: By Maito