



TINY RAMS TIMES

JANUARY 2021

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a great Christmas break and got to safely spend time with family. We enjoyed talking about all the holidays celebrated around the world last month and look forward to some snow and talking about it in January! Our teachers are ready to get back into the school routine and we can imagine the kids are too! It is more important than ever to continue to monitor ourselves for any COVID symptoms since we have been away from each other for almost 2 weeks. Please continue to also monitor for any flu-like symptoms and keep your child home if he/she or you are feeling sick.

Did you know January 24th is Global Belly Laugh Day? It is always celebrated at 1:24 pm local time! You are supposed to put a big smile on your face, throw your hands up in the air and laugh as loudly as you can! It is a chance to make yourself and those around you feel better and put a smile on someone's face. The goals for Global Belly Laugh day are:

- To celebrate and remember past laughter.
- To connect with others via laughing. Hence, doing it in public with others is the best way to celebrate.
- To remember the importance of laughs and smiles.
- To gain the health benefits of smiling and laughing. Laughter is the best medicine.

Don't forget to get a video of you laughing and share it with everyone you know, including your teachers!

- **Your Tiny Rams Team**

THEMES:

"Ice & Snow, Opposites/
Rhyming"

SAVE THE DATE:

Jan. 1st – **CLOSED**
Happy New Year!

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Each child will have their temperature taken before entering the site. Temperature threshold will be set at 100.0°f or lower for daily attendance

Evidence of any outbreak of disease among staff, children, or children's relatives who they are living with or seeing frequently will prompt Ralston Schools Foundation administration to promptly close the facility

REMINDERS:

Please continue to follow our COVID health and safety practices by monitoring yourself and your child for any symptoms!

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan. 5th – Tilly

MISC:

New Year, New Friends!! We are so happy to have so many new friends joining us as well as old friends moving up into their new classrooms.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Megan, Shelby

Welcome Emari and Ansel!

Happy New Year! It's 2021! We can't wait to kick off the new year with fun activities involving snow/ice, opposites and rhyming. We are so excited to welcome some new friends to the baby room! We are going to start off the new year with lots of reading because we all know babies love when books are read to them. We will read the Up Down Book, Elmo's Opposites, and lots of great books about snow and ice. We are so excited to get to discover snow both indoors and outdoors. Some activities we will do are freezing toys inside a block of ice and learning how to get those toys out, we will take some snow from outside and count how many snowballs we can make out of it, and lots of fun creative art projects.

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: The infants will work on getting back into routine after the long Christmas break as well as welcoming our new friends to the room. We will work on holding onto different shaped crayons to practice our early writing skills, gross motor skills like sitting up, rolling over, crawling and pulling up, and lastly we will work on some of our problem solving skills (taking a ball in/out of a box).



Pajama Day in the Infant room!



Infant/Toddler friends having SNOW much fun outside!

Infant/Toddlers

Teachers: Heather & Anesa

This month we will learn about dry/wet and warm/cold by doing experiments and exploration. For wet/dry we will touch different sponges to see how they feel. For hot/cold we will explore ice cubes and we will see what happens when we put them in warm water. We will also talk about how to be safe in the snow and what clothing we will need to keep warm and dry. Something exciting that happened in our room is that Santa left us a pet fish! Stay tuned to see what we name the fish!

Favorite Book and Song from this past month: Book: "How are you Peeling?" and "Beep Beep Vroom Vroom" Songs: our class hit "Row you Boat" and "Up on the House Top"

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: (AL.02) Sensory Exploration, Reasoning and Problem Solving: Demonstrates active inquiry, persistence, problem identification, and application of knowledge to new situations.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Toddlers

Teachers: Kalli & Amber

Welcome Eisley!

We are hoping for lots of snow this month because we have a ton of snow activities planned! First, we will make our very own snow paint, which we will put in squeeze bottles to paint the snow outside! We also plan on having a fun sensory bin full of snow and watercolor paint to experiment with. We will decorate our classroom with handmade snowflakes, as well as some day and night opposite paintings.

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: This month we will work on developing an awareness and understanding of our health, physical activity, and safety. Teachers will encourage children to put on their own snow/winter gear, as well as remembering to wash their own hands without being reminded. We will talk about how to be safe in the winter by making sure you always wear your coat, hat, and mittens. We will also work on our math skills by sorting objects from largest to smallest and talking about things that are opposites.



Toddlers have been loving the snow!

Preschool

Teachers: Emily (Miss E) & Shannon

Happy New Year! We will begin 2021 with lots of winter activities. Our class will practice putting on winter gear to play outside (snow pants, boots, coats, gloves and hats) and will also work on zipping our coats, this is something fun to work on at home as well. Hopefully we get lots of snow to go outside and make snowmen. We will do many science experiments with ice and snow such as making snow ice cream, slime, and talking about the difference between liquids and solids. We will also learn about the different temperature freezing points and melting points. Art activities this month will include painting snow outside, using fine motor skills to cut circles, making snowmen, and talking about the different sizes (small, medium and large.)

Early Learning Guidelines Goals:

This month we are working on number recognition and counting, zipping our coats, and dressing ourselves to go outside. We will continue to work on using kind words and voices with our friends.



"Do you wanna build a snowman?"

STAFF BIO OF THE MONTH

Shelby

"My favorite part of working at Tiny Rams is being able to be silly and act like a child myself to make the babies laugh and smile!"



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My husband Kyle and I have a son, Grayson and a dog Khloe! I like spending time with my whole family and LOVE spending time outdoors.

SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

Season: Spring

Vacation: the Ozarks

Movie: "Avengers"

Holiday: Christmas

Color: Mint Green

Drink: Sprite

Food: Eggs & Bacon

T.V. Show: Anything reality TV!

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