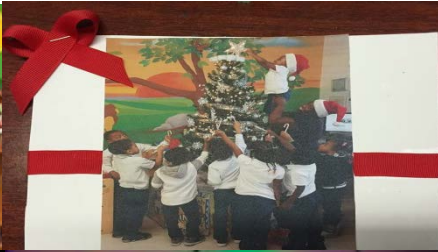


Premier Child Care Newsletter



Highlights

Poem of the Month

Winter Poem by Nikki Giovanni

Once a snowflake fell
on my brow and I loved
It so much and I kissed
It and it was happy and
called Its cousins
And brothers and a web
Of snow engulfed me then
I reached to love them all
And I squeezed them and they
Became a spring rain and
I stood perfectly
Still and was a flower

Song of the Month

Auld Lang Syne by Robert Burns

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never bro't to mind? Should
auld acquaintance be forgot, And
days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear, For
auld lang syne, We'll tak' a cup o'
kindness yet For auld lang syne.

Books of the Month

*Martin's Big Words The Life of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*
by Doreen Rappaport –
Illustrated by Bryan Collier

*How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy
Birthday* by Jane Yolan &
Mark Teague

My Big Dinosaur Book by
Roger Priggy

Moments

Pill Hill - We are looking forward to a new adventure of Family Night at least once a month. We are even more excited that our Kindergartners are reading and completing Volume 1, Chapters 1-20, in our *Imagine It Decodable Books*.

Near The Pier - We are so excited about the second half of the school year! We must thank the Infants for being so cute and photogenic. Their cuteness helped us **Win the Christmas Card Challenge Contest** among the Premier schools.

West Austin - The New Year always helps us to refocus and get a fresh view of life. Parents, please assist your child/ren in finishing this academic year on a strong note. Watch them grow, by "leaps and bounds."

East Side - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a "dream," which is similar to a goal. This month we will be teaching our children what a goal is, how to set a goal, and realize their "dream."

Preparing

College-Bound

Cherubs

Front and Center

The name, given to the month of 'January', is derived from the ancient Roman name 'Janus' who presided over the gate to the New Year. We cast out the old and welcome in the new. It is the time when many reflect on events of the previous year. - *Mystical World Wide Web*

Accordingly, we ask, what did we do right? What did we do wrong? What could we have done differently? Perhaps, most important, January is a time to consider seriously, New Year Resolutions. What do we resolve to do in the year of 2017? Premier Childcare may not be able to answer this question easily. However, we do resolve to continue to pressure lawmakers to provide the proper funding for preschool education. We further resolve to continue to produce college bound students, in spite of the odds. We beseech parents to aid us in this struggle to sway their legislators to fund the needed programs. Finally, as we reflect on 2016, let us be thankful that we are all here in 2017 to begin anew our life-long journey of preparing life-long learners for their entrance into college and a world of other possibilities.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*Born - in Atlanta Georgia in January 15, 1929

*He delivered that "I Have A Dream: speech on the March on Washington in 1963.

*Dr. King was awarded the Noble Peace Prize on December 10, 1964

*Rev. Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968