



Montessori  
Learning  
Center  
  
Bayport  
  
Monthly News

LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE

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## A New Year Ahead

We hope you all enjoy the Holidays with your families! We are looking forward to seeing the children again and working with them.

Traditionally, January has been a very productive month for the children. They are happy to be back at school after the Holiday break. They look forward to seeing their friends, teachers and getting back to their "work".

During the month of January, we will be studying about **Animals, Hibernation, Migration and Weather.**

We encourage your child to participate during **show and tell.** As a reminder, when choosing something to bring to school to share with their friends, has chosen something related to our curriculum. It could be a book, picture, stuffed animal, plastic figure, etc.

This is a great way for the program to come home and have you be a part of their school experience.

Our program will continue with the **Kindergartener's** coming together after circle time using the **Language and Math** materials. They are still all at different levels of development; however we are working with them as a group to have them prepared for Kindergarten.

Our **younger children** next year continue to work in all areas of the classroom at their own developmental levels. To **encourage them to express** what they have done at school, ask them what **"work"** they did at school.

We wish you all a **Happy New Year!**

It is our pleasure to have your children with us!

*Karen Sherry and Joan*



### January

:: REMINDER :: January 16<sup>th</sup> ::

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

:: School Closing ::



### Learning

**At Montessori ::** The teacher assesses what the child has learned and then guides him into new areas of discovery.

**At home::** Please remember to encourage fine motor skills TRY ~ **Bead stringing, cutting, gluing, painting using a thin paint brush, drawing with colored pencils** suggestions you can use with them at home for their continued **writing development.**



*Montessori believes in following the child. So the child chooses what he wants to learn and the teacher guides the learning.*

### Reminders

For closings due to **Snow**, we follow the **Bayport/Blue Point School District**, in the event of a **two-hour delay**, we will be **CLOSED**. Please check with Channel 12 news in case of snow



# Learning Center - Animals, Hibernation, Migration and Weather.

by *Karen Sherry and Joan*

January we explore **Animals, Hibernation, Migration and Weather.**



A quick review for you to talk about with your child along with some books and home activities.

### At home

When you encourage your child to participate in the curriculum, you are showing them you are aware of some of the activities and this could create an understanding in your child that will encourage them to fill you in on more of their day.

#### FUN FACTS

68%

Students like the flavor "Chocolate"

42%

Students like the flavor "Vanilla"

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact us directly if ever you have a concern regarding your child's education.

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### Animals

We love all animals. During this month we will discuss different types, where they live and what they eat. Check out the below map activity detailing the different animals and where they live.



### Hibernation

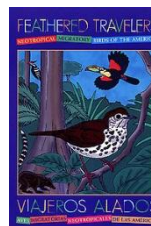
Hibernation is a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals, characterized by lower body temperature, slower breathing, and lower metabolic rate.

Of course during our class that never happens ☺ Check out this story - Every Autumn Comes the Bear - Jim Arnosky



### Migration

Birds, in the fall, after they've finished raising a family, they return to their winter homes. This seasonal travel from one place to another is called migration.



Scientists call the kinds of birds that make these incredible journeys Neotropical migratory birds. Read about some of these feathered travelers and color pages featured in this book.

### Weather

In preparation for the changes we are experiencing all of our students will learn about the weather. Remember, discuss at home brining the classroom to your home – is it sunny, cloudy, windy, rainy, snow. A fun read at home with the ANIMALS from Africa The porcupine smells rain in the air. The zebras see lightning. The baboons hear thunder. The rhino feels the first drops. And the lion tastes the cool water. For a time, the grasslands abound with new green leaves, juicy fruits, and fresh pools of water. - Many Stojic's

