



## January News

Happy New Year! We would like to start the year by thanking each and every one of you for the thoughtful gifts you gave us this past Christmas season. It is our pleasure to be a part of your child's life this year.

Here is a list of the important dates and times to remember (please mark your calendar):

- [Monday, Jan. 6](#) *preschool resumes*
- [Tuesday, Jan. 14](#) *HT Kindergarten information night 6:30pm (HTS school library)*
- [Friday, Jan. 17](#) *Emerald City fieldtrip 11:45-1:45pm (no regular class)*
- [Monday, Jan. 20](#) *No preschool- Parent/Teacher conferences (signupgenius.com)*
- [Tuesday, Jan. 21](#) *Parent/Teacher conferences (signupgenius.com)*

This month we will begin to introduce your child's last name for those who are ready. We will start with recognizing it visually, then eventually moving on to spelling it and writing it. We will continue with our letter of the week by introducing Ss, Jj, Dd and Pp. We always discuss whose name begins with the letter, whose name has the letter in it, the difference between uppercase and lowercase and the sound it makes. These are things you can also help with at home. Our color this month is white and we plan to spend a lot of time exploring a winter theme including snow, hibernation and arctic life. In Spanish, we will meet the newest color bear Osito Blanco. Additionally, we will continue with shapes and numbers. We will be using a snowman to learn about feelings and body parts.

Our nutrition focus is the dairy group. Some great snack items might include pudding, cottage cheese, yogurt covered pretzels or raisins, or even greek yogurt. We love trying new things!

We will continue to find some outdoor time when the weather cooperates so please include a hat and mittens in your child's backpack in case we need them. Please be sure they have an extra set of appropriate clothes as well. Thank you!

Please check your HTEEC parent handbook for inclement weather. Preschool is typically closed if the Shawnee Mission Schools are closed, however preschool may be held depending on conditions. Be sure to check Parentsquare for updates.

We will send home our Spring 2020 field trip form via google docs. Please return with payment by Friday, 1/10/20. Our fieldtrip to Emerald City Gym is on Friday, Jan. 17 from 11:45-1:45. We will be taking a bus. There is no regular class that day. It is a great opportunity for us to use our gross motor skills during the winter season!

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Monday, Jan. 20 and Tuesday, Jan. 21. There is no preschool on Monday, Jan. 20. Conferences will be held in the HTEEC library. You may sign up for a time via [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com). We will discuss your child's growth thus far and give our recommendation for fall placement.



Isaiah 25:8