



What's "humming" in the HUMMINGBIRD CLASS January 2023 ~ Happy New Year!



YOUR TERRIFIC TODDLER!

Cognitive Development Activities for the Month:

- The children will enjoy the beauty of winter all while learning such things as cold, snow, mittens, hats and learn about polar bears and penguins
- We will learn how things go together like how to build an igloo and how to dress a teddy bear*.

Physical Development (Large & Small Muscle) Activities for the Month:

Large Muscle Skills:

- Our practice play activity will include throwing and *catching "snowballs" in the gym room. Our symbolic play fun will include pretending to freeze and melt like a snowman!
- We will learn how our furry friends store their food for the winter. We will learn to make piles and stack to build an igloo.

Small Muscle Skills:

- We will continue working on holding a paintbrush and making beautiful art using large strokes.
- We will continue the idea of tearing paper...but remember not to tear mommy's favorite book!

Creative Art Development Activities for the Month: The children will be using creative mediums to paint and color this month making creative designs and patterns.

Hummingbird Themes for January...

- **Happy New Year 2023!**
- Resolutions
- Penguins, Polar bears and Igloos!
- Martin Luther King taught us to share.
- Letters H,I,J,K – Shape: Circle
- Hand Signs: "Hot" & "Cold"
- Song – "5 Little Snowman Fat"
- STEAM: Frosty the Snowman



Hand Signs...

Each month we will introduce a "Hand Sign" to your little ones. Sign Language helps toddlers communicate their needs.



COLD-make fists and place next to shoulders making a shivering motion



HOT- cup your hand toward your chin and motion up and down.

Five Little Snowmen Fat

Five little snowmen fat,
Wearing a funny hat!
Out came the sun and melting one,
what a sad thing was that!
Down, down, down, down...

Continue with 4, 3, 2 and 1