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# HOPE VALLEY PRESCHOOL

## January 2021

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Ruby and Reese create a shopping list.

### ***Preschool Investigative Study: Grocery Store***

Most young children have visited a grocery store. At the grocery store, they see food, select items and watch adults pay the bill. These experiences are the basis of our investigative study as children play roles and actively participate as they learn about their world.

We will be counting money, writing shopping lists, writing receipts, sorting food, counting inventory, and reading food labels, noticing environmental print, designing and creating displays, as well as, counting and stocking shelves. That's a lot of math and literacy experiences embedded in our play!

We have chosen the following books for our investigative study: Put It On The List, Farmers' Market Day, Food from Farms, Grocers, Don't Forget The Bacon, Market Day, A Trip To The Grocery Store, What Happens at a Supermarket?, The

Supermarket, Shopping with Dad, Maisy Goes Shopping, and To Market, To Market.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- 1 Closed – Happy New Year!
- 4 Melted Snowman Painting: Centerwide
- 5 Ice Exploration: Toddler/Y2's
- 7 Snowman Scavenger Hunt: Preschoolers
- 12 Pajama Day: Centerwide
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Parade
- 20 Penguin Walk Race: Preschoolers
- 21 Winter Sensory Bags: Toddlers/Y2's
- 25 Winter Dress Relay: Preschoolers
- 27 Snowball Sock Toss: Toddler/Y2's

### ***Fitness Fridays***

- 8 Body Part Balance
- 15 Dribbling A Ball
- 22 Bounce and Catch
- 29 Body Shapes and Sizes

### **Our Specials**

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>
Math Lesson	Literacy Lesson	Music & Movement Class	Spanish Class	Math Lesson

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

During an inclement weather event, please check our Facebook page for immediate information. As a back-up, tune into WRAL (CBS) or WTVD (ABC). You can also check online at [www.wral.com](http://www.wral.com) or [www.wtvd.com](http://www.wtvd.com). We do not close with the public school systems.





Tucker is using his homemade binoculars to go bird watching.

### INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Real things in the world around us are fun to watch and learn about. The senses – how we hear, see, smell, taste, and feel- give us information about the world. As babies grow, they need to learn ways to understand all the information coming through their senses. They form ideas to help them understand things in the world around them. They also learn the words that go with those ideas.

Brrrrrr! In winter the air is colder and the children wear coats, hats, and mittens. The children will discover the cool weather of winter and the many textures of winter clothes. They will have lots of fun learning about water, ice and snow. Winter is also a great time to watch the birds outside and make treats for them.

### Book Of The Month

This month our preschoolers will read the Caldecott Honor book, *Snow* by Uri Shulevitz. No one thinks one or two snowflakes will amount to anything. Not the man with the hat or the lady with the umbrella. Not even the television or the radio



forecasters. But one boy and his dog have faith that the snow will amount to something spectacular, and when flakes start to swirl down on the city, they are also the only ones who know how to truly enjoy it. This playful depiction of a snowy day and the transformation of a city are perfectly captured in simple, poetic text and lively watercolor and pen-and-ink illustrations.”  
*Check it out!*

### CHILDREN’S BIRTHDAYS

JP H.  
Bea C.  
Ella G.  
Owen G.



Saint H.  
Olivia L.  
Nora B.  
Ruby R.

Brighton P.

### SPANISH CLASS

Brrr...hace frio!  
(Brr...it’s cold outside!)



During this wintery month, we will be learning cold weather words such as:

- mitones-mittens      hielo-ice
- invierno-winter      nieve-snow

We will also be playing winter games in Spanish!

### MUSIC CLASS

In January, our children will learn how to use sand blocks. Sand blocks are rectangles of fine-grained sandpaper attached to blocks of wood. One of the best things about sand blocks is that, when scraped, they sound remarkably like a train.

