



KELLY'S KIDS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR'S

Happy Birthday

Harper 19th

Preston 21st

Collin 28th



During the month of December the Peach Room friends talked about how to keep warm. They made fuzzy mittens, ear muffs, and winter hats. To celebrate Christmas they read books, sang songs, and made Christmas crafts. The children enjoyed making handprint reindeers, candy canes, ginger bread ornaments, and marshmallow snowmen. For the New Year's the class will make party hats and fire works. In January the class will learn more about winter and winter animals.

In December the Yellow Room learned about winter animals. They did fun activities to get them excited for Christmas. To wrap their Christmas weeks up, the class decorated sugar cookies and watched Alvin and the Chipmunks. In January the class is going to be learning about how to dress in the winter time. They will be learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and doing fun activities for ground hogs day.

During December the Green Room had lots of fun painting their big Christmas tree and wreath. The children made candy cane ornaments for the entryway tree and sparkling poinsettia. Santa counts down helped the class get closer to Christmas. Miss Pam and Miss Irma gave their Christmas gift early by having the child make gingerbread houses. Rudolph visited the children in the room with his nose so bright. The children also made cards for others, to share the giving spirit of Christmas. In January the class looks forward to welcoming the New year with horns, party hats, and masks. They will explore winter weather and how people and animals live with the snow and cold. During their musical instruments unit the class will talk about things you can make music with and the elements of music.

During December the Blue Room spent time getting ready for Christmas. Reading Christmas stories, singing songs, and decorating the



Blue Room Friends Singing At The Christmas Program.

room with art projects. The class watched one of their favorite Christmas movies, "Olive, the Other Reindeer." The class also practiced their Christmas for the program, which they did a fantastic job singing. The Blue Room friends are very excited for Christmas and the New Year! In January the class will be talking about winter and snow. They will see if the weather cooperates with them for some activities! The class will be having another pajama day so make sure to check your calendars and the white board. Polar animals and Bears will be some other things the class learns about. There will be a special day where the children can bring a bear to school!

PARENT NOTE

Kelly's Kids will be closed on Monday January 2nd in observance of New Years Day.

Topics This Month

PEACH

- * Winter Activities
- * Winter Animals
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- * Polar Bear, Polar Bear
- * Ground Hogs

YELLOW

- * Winter Dress
- * Three Snow Bears
- * Martin Luther King Jr.
- * Curious George
- * Ground Hog

GREEN

- * Winter Wonderland
- * Winter and the Animals
- * Winter Fun /What to Wear
- * Making Music
- * Special Friends

BLUE

- * Signs of Winter
- * Snow
- * Polar Animals
- * Bears
- * Valentine's Day

BEST-EVER BEEF STEW

DIRECTIONS

1. Put everything but the flour and the tomato paste in a slow cooker; stir to combine.
2. Cover and cook on the low setting for 8 to 9 hours or on high for 4 to 5, until the beef is tender and the potatoes are just fork tender.
3. Stir the stew once or twice as it cooks, if possible. About 30 minutes before serving, transfer a ladleful of the broth to a small mixing bowl.
4. Add the flour and tomato paste and whisk until smooth. Stir the mixture into the stew and cook for the remaining half hour. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

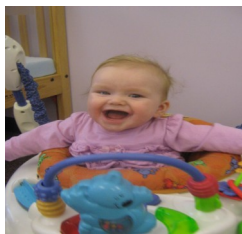


A Warm Dinner
For A Cold
Winter Night!!

MATERIALS

- 1 large onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 large potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1 to 1 1/2 cups peeled and diced rutabaga (about 1/2 small rutabaga)
- 1 cup fresh green beans, in bite-size pieces
- 1 pound beef stew-meat chunks
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 3 cups low-sodium beef stock
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- Pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons tomato paste

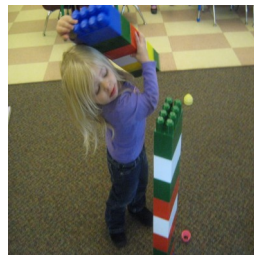
SAY CHEESE!



Kendall is having
a blast in the
bouncer!!



Jase is wearing his
cotton ball ear muffs
to keep him warm!
BURRR



Marin is building
a BIG tower!



Logan is wearing
her reindeer mask
she made!



Happy Birthday
Revlin and Dal-
ton!

BLUE ROOM PARENTS

Outside time will continue as the weather allows. Any days that we go outside to play in the snow will be planned in advance. Keep an eye on the board!

GREEN ROOM NOTE

Green room needs empty frosting containers. They are looking for about 10 of them!!