



## What Will Your Panda Explore This Month at Our Learning Centers...

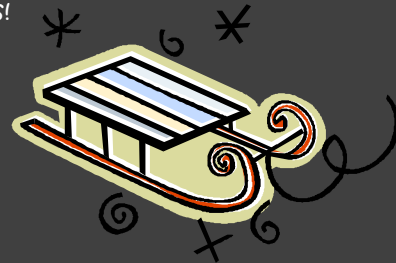


**Math:** Matching and grouping are important facets of our math curriculum this month; we will do activities such as matching mittens in our Jan Brett theme, and grouping like tools during construction week. Counting and addition are simple equations!

**Science:** Our friends will be using their senses to explore, such as in activity called "What's inside the egg"? They will also have the opportunity to experiment with fossils and measurement. We can use scales to weigh tools, mix colors to create a new one, and play around with magnets to see how they repel and attract.

**Literacy:** Our Panda's will be reading a lot of fun books this month, but not only that, they will also be crossing into the frigid arctic by sharing what they would do if they lived in the arctic! Sharing in group discussions and formulating charts to brainstorm are great methods to encourage literacy.

**Art:** This is always so fun, and this month will be no different! We will be using a diverse set of art tools such as sand, and q-tips to create complex pieces of work. Blending colors to create a mural, and stepping into our favorite animals mask during Jan Brett's theme will be an experience to never forget. Here we go little Van Gohs!



## What's Share Day?

Starting next week, on Wednesdays and Fridays your child can bring in an item that is theme related or an object that starts with the letter of the week for show & share. Below is a list of themes, dates, and upcoming letter of the week.

	Theme	Letter of The week
Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> :	The Works of Jan Brett	"K"
Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> :	Dinosaurs	"T"
Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> :	In the Arctic	"V"
Jan/ 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> :	Construction	"J"

## Panda Tunes

### I'm a Little Penguin

(Sung to: "This I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little penguin,  
Round and fat,

Here is my beak, here is my hat,  
Winter days are coming,

Hear me shout,  
Please don't toss my mittens OUT!

### Down by the Construction Site

(Sung to: "Down by the Station")

Down by the construction site,

Early in the morning,

See the big backhoe digging in the dirt,

See the construction foreman

Putting on his yellow hat

Be safe, be safe,

Dig, dig, dig!

### Dinosaur

(Sung to: "This Old Man")

Spread your arms, way out wide,

Fly like a Pteranodon, soar and glide.

Bend to the floor, head down low,

Move like a Stegosaurus, long ago.

Reach up tall, try to be

As tall as Apatosaurus eating on a tree.

Using your claws, grumble and growl

Just like Tyrannosaurus on the prowl.

## You're Teacher's and their New Year's Resolution!



- Miss Maria- "This new year, I want to grow in reading."
- Miss Jen- "I am a little bit of a worry wart, so with the planning of the wedding, and the regular day to day things, for my resolution this year, it is to go with the flow, and limit the worries."
- Miss Danitza- "2012, I cannot believe it! This year I wish to be healthier."

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TO: Panda Cubs



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# Panda Post

Miss Maria Miss Jen  
+  
Miss Danitza

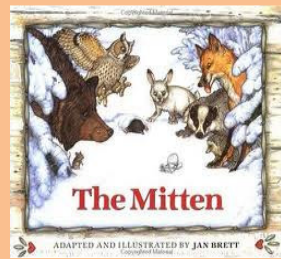


Welcome to the New Year of 2012! This year brings many new and exciting things for ILC and our families! We hope that your holiday season was delightful, and the New Year continues to be great. January is full of fun with our four themes:

The Works of Jan Brett, Dinosaurs, Construction, and In the Arctic.

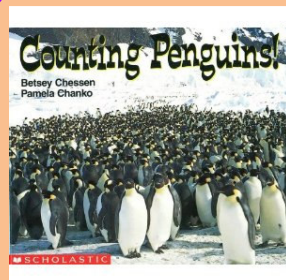


## Teacher Picks



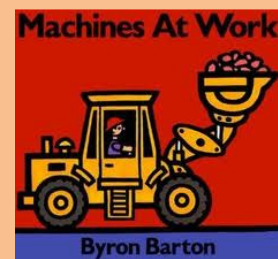
"The mitten is a terrific book, full of characters. The kids are always in awe of how they all fit into the mitten. I have enjoyed this book since I was little, myself."

~Miss Maria



"Teaching our friends Spanish is a good thing, I can teach them how to count in Spanish and in English while reading this book!"

~Miss Danitza



"Continuing to learn even when you're the teacher is important; I like this book, because I learned what some of the machines do that I didn't know before."

~Miss Jen

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## What's Happening In January?



\* 1/2 Center Closed!

\* 1/10 Rainbow Company  
Little Red Riding Hood  
Show!  
@ 10am

\*1/17 BOD Meeting  
@ 5:30 pm!