

The Penguin Monthly Newsletter



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Through this monthly newsletter, we will be highlighting the upcoming themes and activities for our little Penguins. We will be having an exciting and adventurous month through these themes:

Themes of the Month

1. Dinosaurs
2. In the Arctic
3. Construction
4. Tools & Machines

Books:

- Dinosaur Roar by Henrietta Stickland
- Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear? By Bill Martin
- Machines at Work by Byron Barton
- Tools by Byron Barton

Dinosaurs

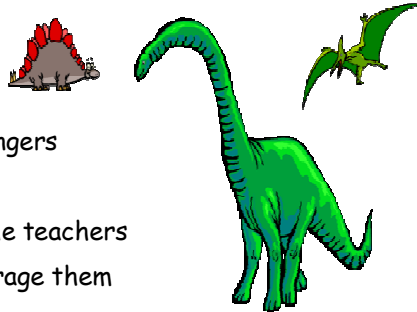
The Penguins will be enjoying their prehistoric activities this month featuring some very interesting dinosaurs! We will be going on a "fossil hunt" to look for dinosaurs that will be hiding under a basket! We will be looking at the small dinosaur figures and talk about their characteristics. Some have

horns on their heads and some have long tails.

We will enjoy making our own "fossils" by exploring play-doh, touching the soft texture between our fingers and making a hand print in it.

We will play a game called "Crawl In, Crawl Out." The teachers will be crawling with the Penguins and we will encourage them to get a variety of toys.

There will be some new books that we will read together featuring some Jurassic giants. We will read Dinosaur Roar by Henrietta Stickland and Spiky, Scaly, Scary Dinosaurs by DK Publishing. We will be touching their texture pages, that has some beautiful pictures of all the different kinds of dinosaurs.



In the Arctic!

The Penguins will be talking about and exploring the world of The Arctic! We will use the words "cold," "snow," "ice," and "ocean" to describe the Arctic. We will count polar bear paws, ice cubes, and fish. We will talk about big bears and little bears.

We will enjoy playing "Slide & Slip." This activity will strengthen our stomach muscles. Another game will be "Roll Over." We will sing the song "Ten in the Bed." We will use our gross motor skills to turn from side to side.

The Penguins will read some interesting books about things that we see in the Arctic! One will be called Arctic Five Arrives by Elinor Pinczes and our favorite book will be Polar Bear, Polar Bear What do you Hear? by Bill Martin. After each book we will touch the pictures.

We will explore painting with ice cubes. The Infants will touch and feel the cold sensation of the ice.

Parent Reminders

Please make sure that you label your child's bottles with FIRST and LAST name and date. This is a licensing requirement.

THANKS!

Do you need Helping Hands Points? Ask a teacher for ideas!

Please remember to sign your child IN and OUT on the sign in sheet on the door.

THANK YOU!

Feel free to email us at!
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Construction!

The Penguins will put on their hard hats and have an exciting month learning all about what happens in the world of construction!

We will read some books about the things we might see at a construction site like dump trucks, bulldozers, and cement rollers. We will enjoy reading That's Not My Truck which have shiny wheels and bumpy grates to feel. This book will help them to develop their sensory and language awareness. Another book will be Machines at Work. We will try to point to the pictures in the story.

We will play with some of our truck and bulldozer toys and will practice rolling them on the floor to each other. We will try to imitate our teachers and make a "vroom" and "beep-beep" sound.



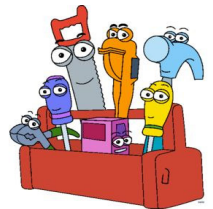
Tools and Machines!

The Penguins will have some activities this month that focuses on tools that we use to help us with a task. We will talk about tools that are used to build things like a hammer, drill, and what we can build with them. We will see pictures of gardening tools like shovels and hoes that help us to plant flowers and trees.

We will talk about tools we see in the kitchen like spoons and whisks and how they help us to cook and eat. The Penguins will look at some books this month also. We will love a colorful lift the flap book called Tools. We will pull the tab on each magic window page to reveal an amazing sparkling scene. This will increase and develop their early reading skills.

We will explore toy tools and practice hammering onto our toy workbench. We will be creating sounds with the hammer tool!

One interesting thing will be discovering this month is sandpaper, and we will feel the rough texture with our hands and talk about how it feels.



Art Project: We will be engaging in messy art this month to explore and utilize new materials and textures!



The Penguins are Really Growing!



Harlee enjoys rolling over around the room!



Caden is scooting backwards around the room!



Sophia can wave her hand "bye-bye" and she claps her hands to music!



Macey is doing tummy time in front of the mirror!



Sacha turns around on the floor and he smiles at his teachers!



Alicia is visiting her friends in Toddler room!



Caleb is practicing how to sit without support!



Joshua is taking steps and he likes to play with Sophia!