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**CHEEP INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH OF:**

**DECEMBER 2017**

**THEME:** WINTER

**STORIES OF THE MONTH:**
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2. “The Gingerbread Man” – a classic (read by Val)
3. “Little Snowman” SLP-made book (read by Sandra/Jamie)

**CENTRES:**
- **Dramatic Play Centre:** We will have a “Mitten” set up for kids to play inside; we will be making gingerbread in the dramatic play kitchen area during the second week of December, followed by a house with a tree to decorate and snow shovels for shoveling “snow” the last week.
- **TOUCH TABLE:** Real snow and ice will be brought in to explore. Another week we will have “insta snow” that the children will help to make at a science station and we also have bags of rock salt for children to play in for another sensory experience.
- **PUZZLES, MANIPULATIVE PLAY & GAMES:** Winter-themed activities will be available for children to explore by themselves or with a teacher and peer(s).
- **FINE MOTOR FOCUS:** Our Occupational Therapist, Sarah, is encouraging us to provide activities that help to build hand strength and pincer grasp. We will highlight and target these skills throughout our daily activities during the month of December.

**OTHER NEWS:**
*The MSLP students are no longer in our class on Tuesday and Thursdays, however when children start back after the winter break we will be introducing an MSLP student, Claire, who will be with us on a daily basis for 2 months!*

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