

Bamboo Newsletter - January 2020

What We Are Learning

Hello Bamboo Families!

Your smart young learners spent the month of December focusing on *Winter in the Woods*, learning both the natural occurrences and human traditions that come with the season. We also learned about “community helpers” such as police and firemen, the animals and food products on farms, and completed a myriad of art projects using. Then we had a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch, to explore the real farm, as well as a warm up for Halloween.



In Chinese class we finished our traditional Chinese Poem *Mulan Ci, Poem of Liangzhou, Spring Morning*. In the upcoming January we will learn *New Year's Day, Luna New Year, Missing in Quiet Night*, etc. **In English class** we read a collection of books to support our studies while also learning the fundamentals of print (parts of a book, reading left to right, etc.) Older students are practicing writing their name — a *must* for Kindergarten. We've also been learning our **math basics** through counting, sorting, ordering, and creating patterns. **In Music class** we learned instruments such as the *cello, harp, and trumpet*. We became familiar with the sound and point out the specific sound from multiple various music instruments; while in rhythm and singing group, we practice rhythms and singing Christmas songs *Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer*.



We say goodbye to our friend Ady and YouYou in these two months.

This upcoming month is all about *Baby Animals* and the *Luna New Year* that comes with it! We will explore different elements about Luna New Year, learning a Poem Yuan Ri, and deliver our best wishes to our Bamboo Family!

Suggestions for Extended Learning at Home

A teacher tip: Reflect with your children about they learned everyday.

Keep helping your child verbalize what happened, explain what they see (that the other friend is hurt and crying). This can help develop **empathy and contribute to better/safer decision making** in the future. We practice this daily with students and would love to continue this practice outside of school.

Reminders

We will celebrate the Luna New Year in January! Happy New Year -*The Bamboo Team*