



January 9, 2025

Dear Parents,

We were so excited to see the children on Monday! It sounds like everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's.

On Monday and Tuesday, we wrapped up our study of Mr. D and dinosaurs. The children were paleontologists and dug for dinosaur bones in the sensory sand table. They also wore dinosaur stilts and stomped around like our prehistoric friends. Each child made their own hatching dinosaur egg for the ABC Art Book. We learned a silly Dd word: dilly-dally! The children thought it was hilarious and some even said their parents use this word. We learned that it means to "go super slow on purpose." We asked Mr. D not to dilly-dally and to please send a new Letter Friend to our classroom. Our request worked!

We arrived on Wednesday to find TWO NEW LETTER PEOPLE! It was Mr. Q and Mrs. U! We learned that they are best friends and Uu always follows Qq. We came up with Qq words like: **quilt**, **quiet**, **quail**, **question** and **queen**. Those words showed us exactly how Uu follows Qq. We spent the end of the week focusing on Mr. Q. You will see a beautiful Qq craft in the ABC art book. I have a feeling both Mr. Q and Ms. U will be sticking around for next week. If that happens, we'll give Ms. U her own special focus days.

As always, thank you for your support and for sharing your precious children with us.,

Have a great weekend,  
Katie and Sara

#### Reminders & Upcoming Events:

- **Please label all your child's belongings;** we have many children with the exact same initials so **please label with names**
- The school office & faculty use SchoolStatus Connect to communicate with parents. Find this letter and The Cardinal Chronicles there.
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please REMOVE ALL SHEETS FROM FOLDERS NIGHTLY** as it is very difficult for the children to put their daily papers in full folders. They are proud of their work and love showing you! Emptying the folder with your child is a great way to talk about their day and what they are learning.
- Upcoming PreK January Events:

- 1/15: Show & Tell (Uu)
- **1/16: PreK Conferences- NO SCHOOL FOR PREK STUDENTS**
- **1/19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: NO SCHOOL**
- 1/27: All School Mass in Chotin Center 9:00am