



Newsletter

January 2026



We hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday break!

Preschool parent surveys will be sent out in February. Results from these will be used for preschool program improvements.

Reminder: Ellicott Preschool has a Quality Improvement Plan that is updated yearly with input from parent surveys. A copy of the plan is in the parent waiting area and on the school district website for you to view.

NO School January 19th

Themes:

Mrs. Allen's Class: Hope your Holidays were wonderful and welcome to the new year. Our theme for this month is "Winter". We are going to have many fun projects, books, and take home activities. In January we will be starting the recycle unit that goes with our curriculum theme. Students may tell you about Recycle, Reduce, and Re-use. We will also be preparing for conferences next month by doing student class assessments.

Mrs. Manyik's Class: I hope you all had a wonderful holiday! This month, our theme is Ocean. We will learn about different animals in the ocean, make ocean crafts, read books about the ocean, and explore seashells and sand. We will continue learning our letters and numbers and writing our names. We are finishing up our clothing unit. I will be completing mid-year assessments in January to prepare for our parent-teacher conferences in February.

Mrs. Sprowes Class: Welcome back! Hope you had a fantastic break. This month our theme is Occupations. We will be learning about different jobs, along with what people do for these occupations. We will be creating crafts that focus on different occupations. We will start the new year off by finishing up the clothing unit before switching to the recycling unit to learn about Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling. We will also continue to learn letters, letter sounds, numbers, shapes, and names. Winter assessments will be completed in January. Don't forget to mark your calendars with the conference dates in February!

Ms. Whitney's: Happy New Year, we hope you all had a great break! Our theme for the month is "Camping". We will be pretending to camp in our dramatic play area. We will also be starting our recycling unit and making a 3-D class project out of found materials we have at school. Be sure to ask your child what they have learned since we will go from the end of our Clothing Unit to the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle unit. Letters, Numbers, and Names will still be a priority of our learning. Winter assessments will be completed in January and mark your calendars for conferences in February!

Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum Lessons- Students will be learning;

Unit 3: Emotion Management (continued)

Understanding strong feelings

Identifying one's own strong feelings

Calming down strong feelings

****Watch for "Home Links" to be coming home in Thursday folders****

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The next preschool family night on January 22nd will inform parents about the Second Step Safety Curriculum that will be incorporated second semester. Parents need to complete a permission form in order for their students to participate in this curriculum.

**If you are unable to attend family night, please be sure to sign and return the consent form to your classroom teacher if you want your student to participate in the curriculum.**

***Preschool families:***

***Please make sure your child is dressed accordingly for Colorado's changing weather. We will play outside if possible, weather permitting, but we also have to be outside to get on the buses. We want all the children to be warm and safe.***

Remember that we have the winter clothing closet if your child needs these items.



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Parent corner:**Set priorities.** As parents, *we can't do everything.* Try to set priorities within obligations. Usually, priorities will involve the kids and other family members first, and then choose one or two that are important to you.
