

TORBANK

NURSERY SCHOOL

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Inclement Weather

As winter continues, the chances of school closings become more apparent. We follow the lead of the Ossining Public Schools. If they are on a two hour delay, we will be closed. You will be receiving notification from Blackboard in addition to an email. Please be sure to listen to the radio as well.

Sick? Please Stay at Home

If your child is sick, the staff and other parents would appreciate it if you would keep him/her out of school until they are well again. Your child benefits from at home rest and the children at school do not run the risk of exposure and spreading the illness to the others. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Yearbook Photos

If you have photos you would like to contribute to the yearbook, please send them as soon as possible. An envelope will be hanging outside each classroom for your convenience. Be sure to put your name on the back, so that they can be returned to you. Please send photos to Torbank.yrbk@gmail.com

Fundraising Updates—Save the Dates

Please join us for a cozy morning with delicious pancakes, stories, crafts, and lots of fun. The breakfast will be held **January 20, 2018** (snow date February 3, 2018). More details to follow!

Save the Date: Paint Night—February 10, 2018
Mom's Night Out —April 21, 2018

From the Fundraising Committee

Please support Torbank on Amazon Smile. Simply go to Smile.amazon.com & select Torbank Nursery School as your supporting organization. Torbank gets a percentage of all sales through this site! This is an easy way to show your support to our great school! The direct link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1839665>.

Please also support Torbank by using our storefront on Shutterfly: <http://torbank.shutterflystorefront.com>.



Parking

When parking, please pull in all the way to the railroad ties. Please make sure there is enough room for a car to pass behind your vehicle. Please try not to park along the driveway under the trees on the right hand side. This makes it difficult for cars in the spaces to back out. Please also make sure your car is only occupying one space as well. During pick-up time, parking is limited and there are no extra spaces. Try to be mindful as we need every inch of space to open our doors to get little ones in big coats up, in, and buckled while avoiding car dings. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Teacher Talk



As we wind down from a very busy holiday season, we will have a little "down time" to re-focus on fundamentals. Can you imagine a month without a holiday to prepare for?

In January, we will do several winter themed art projects, incorporating colors and shapes. In addition, we plan to make bird feeders out of pinecones for our winter friends. We will also have color weeks, during this time each week we will learn about a color. The children will wear something that has the color of the week on it, and we will have snacks that color (Schedule to follow) We will have fun learning our colors!

The children will start to learn new songs and Nursery Rhymes this month.

Weather permitting, we will continue to go outside to play, so please remember to pack hats and mittens. Please do not send in snowsuits and gloves, as they take too long to put on.

- Miss Suzanne, Miss Tina, and Miss Cheryl



Happy New Year! We started January talking about the new year - 2018. We will learn about the calendar, the months, days of the week, etc. We will talk about the season, winter - the cold and how we stay warm, the animals and how they stay warm. We will read and tell the story of The Mitten. It is a wonderful story about animals finding a lost mitten and getting inside to stay warm. We will make our own mittens with the animals inside. We will practice sewing, cutting and coloring. January is also our space month. We will learn about the planets in our solar systems. We will make "alien space helmets" and wear them on our trip to

outer space in our "rocket". We will be focusing on recognizing and spelling our names. We will learn and play The Mitten Game. The game focuses on color and number recognition. - Miss Cathy & Miss Daria



Happy New Year!! This month our Calendar features yellow squares and red rectangles as date markers. These create a pattern as the month rolls on. *The recognition of both the shapes and the pattern are all pre math skills.* For now, it's just a fun thing to observe and talk about. We will continue to focus on numbers and how we use them to count so many things in our lives. As we start the new year, we are learning a new song that teaches all 12 Months of the year.

In January we will talk about *animals*. We will read stories and discuss how we share our homes and our planet with all kinds of animals. We will talk about wild animals and how they spend the winter months. Some animals *adapt* and live in the cold weather. Some *migrate* to warmer climates and some *hibernate*. We will make a bird feeder to hang outside and help the birds find food to survive the snowy January days.

We will make an addition to our dramatic play area, the *Torbank Veterinary Center*. The children will have the opportunity to play together, pretending to be Doctors caring for their pets, dressing up in scrubs and white lab coats. We will stock the area with little cages, and stethoscopes, bandages and pretend medicine, all the necessities to make our pets feel better. At this center, the children will have many opportunities for *rich imaginative, cooperative play*.

We will focus more attention to the children writing and the formation of the letters. Using their names as the most relatable text, we now have a *"Sign in Book."* Each morning, your child will sign in and give themselves a sticker. We will continue highlighting letters of the Alphabet using 'first letter sound' highlighting these sounds in crafts and story books.

In January, we will begin to incorporate *"Show and Tell"* into our day. This will give each child the opportunity to share something that interests them while allowing them a way to promote their oral language development. I will send out a sheet and assign each child a date to bring in something to share.

Our Art projects will be varied to allow your children's creativity to flourish, while building on the fine motor skills they are acquiring. - Kris Adams and Mary Haag