



# Dulaney Day Preschool

## January Newsletter 2026

### January

Tuesday, 1/6  
Monday, 1/19

**School Reopens**  
**School Closed** – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### February

Monday, 2/9  
Wednesday, 2/11  
Thursday, 2/12  
Friday, 2/13  
Monday, 2/16  
Tuesday, 2/17

**School Closed**  
**M/W 2s Valentine's Day Party**  
**T/Th 2s Valentine's Day Party**  
**3s & 4s Valentine's Day Party**  
**School Closed** – Presidents' Day  
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## What's Happening This Month.....

### 2s - Mrs. G. & Mrs. Obaker

Happy New Year from Mrs. G & Mrs. Obaker! We hope you had a restful and joyful break with your families. With winter finally here, we will be learning about bears, penguins, and snowmen, all signs of cold weather. We will begin the month by learning about hibernation and baking bear claws. We will hibernate in a spiderman tent! The 2s love to crawl in and pretend to be bears! Then we will explore painting in a fun new way by using scrub brushes to paint a penguin's tummy. We're excited to see each unique penguin! Finally, we will explore art using simple materials to create a snowman, focusing on sensory play and fine motor skills. January is always a month of discovery and fun! It is so nice to be back with your little ones.

### 3s - Mrs. Musci & Mrs. Rainsley

We're excited to embrace the New Year and look forward to some fun winter weather! This month, we'll be bringing the outdoors into our classroom by making our own snow, playing with ice, and crafting snowflakes in all shapes and sizes. Along with these engaging sensory and creative activities, we'll explore the scientific method and learn about the different states of water. We'll also focus on hibernating and arctic animals. In addition to our daily reading, we'll dive deeper into two beloved books: \*The Mitten\* by Jan Brett and \*The Snowy Day\* by Ezra Jack Keats. Here's to an indoor winter wonderland!

### 3s - Mrs. Placek & Mrs. Turner

Happy New Year from Mrs. Placek and Mrs. Turner! I hope you had a wonderful winter break. During January we will be learning about arctic animals and animals that hibernate, migrate, and adapt to colder temperatures. We will delve into this new season and weather with some fun sensory and art activities

including playing with ice, making snowflakes, and creating some snowy paintings! Adding to our daily books, we will read *The Mitten* by Jan Brett and *Snowmen at Night* by Carolyn Buehner to help us explore our winter theme.

Please send your child in with a coat, hat and gloves or mittens so we can enjoy the winter weather! We will try to go outside every day. If the playground is snowy, be on the lookout for an update on Bloomz to send in boots.

#### **4s** – Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Powell & Mrs. Eby

Happy New Year! After briefly learning about New Year's and different celebrations around the world, we'll dive into our winter unit. The adorable book *Sneezy the Snowman* by Maureen Wright will help us discuss the states of water as well as provide us with the opportunity to create melted snowman art and do some storytelling. We'll finish out the month with a focal unit on shapes, ending with a "polka dots and checkers" shape dress up day on Friday, January 30. More details will be posted to Bloomz as we get closer to our celebration. Our letters of the week will include O through R as we begin to make our way through the back half of the alphabet.

#### **Director Notes**

Registration Reminder:

As we plan ahead for the 2026-2027 school year, this is a friendly reminder to send in your registration forms if you haven't already. We currently have a few openings, so feel free to share with friends or families who may be interested. The registration form is on our website. Thank you for being a part of our school community!