



Welcome to Clewell's Corner!  
The one stop shop for all the  
news & happenings in room 101!



## PARENT-TEACHER Conference



A BIG thank you for your flexibility during conference time. Snow in November was not in our original plan! Thank you to those who rescheduled their conferences and for all of you for such productive conversations. The information you shared with me during our time only helps to serve in supporting your child in class!

## Nursery Rhymes & Early Literacy Skills

This past month we started our weekly nursery rhyme activities and worked with Baa Baa Black Sheep. "Nursery Rhymes are a powerful learning source in early literacy. They enable children to become interested in the rhythm and patterns of language in a way that listening to stories does not provide."



# TAKING TIME TO STOP...AND BREATHE

Sometimes we all need a minute to just breathe. One of the awesome things that we get a chance to do every now and then is some quiet relaxation and breathing. We are in a fast paced world and our kids are always going and moving...it's important that we teach them that being still is just as important.

Go Noodle is a website that we use here at school for fun brain breaks and movement ideas but they also have wonderful mindfulness and relaxation clips as well!

check it out! [www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)



# SHHH....WE'RE THINKING & GROWING!



We even joined Mrs. Vallese's class for some whole group preschool relaxation after a crazy game of jumbo ball for recess!

# SCISSOR PRACTICE AT HOME



One of the skills that we have been practicing on at school is cutting. I know this can be scary when you let your little one had scissors at home...but with supervised instruction and trust you will be amazed at how well your child can cut independently!

One of the modifications we make for our students is to place a smiley face stick on the thumb section of the scissor. So, instead of just reminding them to keep their "thumb up!" we can say "Smiley face up!" A fun little trick to remind them that their thumb needs to face up as they cut.



Great examples of wonderful cutting skills! Thumb up and helping hand holding and guiding the paper!



## LETTER PRACTICE

Each week we are focusing on a letter.

We practice in several ways:

- identify a letter, l
- hearing the sound it makes
- thinking of words that begin with that letter
- practicing how to form that letter.

We have been working on the following letters:

F, E, D, P, B, R, N

## CLOTHES ROTATION

Now that we are entering the winter months we will be going through your child's spare clothes here at school. We will return any short sleeved tops and shorts and ask that you return a full set of clothes (long shirt, pants, socks and underwear) to cover up through the winter months.



# DECEMBER

SUN

MON

TUES

WEDS

THURS

FRI

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Our class parties will be held on December 19th. If you would like to help volunteer for the party please contact our room parents: [Elana Stein](#) (AM) & Dawn Cortez (PM)

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Pajama Day!

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Happy Birthday Sarina!



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