

Miss Amy and Miss Rosie's Pre-Kg News

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Welcome to 2012! We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing break; the children had a lot of fun things to share about their time off! Rosie and I missed being with the children! We are blessed to have a wonderful group of children, and families! Happy New Year to you all!

We spent some time reviewing the classroom rules, as we got back into our routine. Please talk with your child about the classroom rules, and review with them how they can be safe. Our class rules are:

use kind hands and feet

use an inside voice

use walking feet

share and take turns

This week in Jolly Phonics we reviewed the sounds and names for the letters we have learned so far this year (s, a, t, i, p, n, c, k, e, h, r). We sang the Jolly songs, and played Jolly Phonics beach ball. I hope you can take time to review the letter names and their sounds with your child through games or fun activities. Some ideas may include playing Memory or I SPY Letters. You can also review letters while painting, or playing in shaving cream in the tub.

Instead of starting our study of Museums in Scholastics, we participated in an "author/illustrator study" in which we learned about Robert Munsch (author), and Michael Martchenko (illustrator). The children loved listening to their books, and wanted to hear many of them over and over again! Some favorite titles included: Alligator Baby, Smelly Socks, ROAR, Aaron's Hair, Makeup Mess, More Pies, The Sand Castle Contest, Up, Up, Down, Mmm Cookies, and Andrew's Loose Tooth. Please ask your child about their favorite story, and read them for yourself from the Jacksonville Public Library. Enjoy and let me know your favorites! We will begin our Museum unit on January 16th, so be looking for the family literacy page for supplies we may need, as well as fun family activities related to the unit!

Finally, thank you for washing your child's pillow and blanket over break! If you have not sent them back yet, please return them next week so that your child can have them for nap time. The children have adjusted well to nap time, and the daily routine!! I think we are all glad to be back!! Happy **December** birthdays to Kaylianna who turned 4, Justin who turned 4, Gabby who turned 5, and Kadee who turned 4! Also Happy early **January** Birthdays to Kyle who turned 4 on Friday, and J.R. who will turn 5 at the end of the month!

Have a great and safe weekend! Miss Amy

