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Dear Parents, Welcome To 2021! We hope that you had a relaxing vacation!

We are starting our new year with an under construction theme. We will be building with various materials, loading and unloading dump trucks, matching all sorts of construction vehicles, weighing, measuring and estimating. Then on to a favorite character, Pete the cat- we will explore many of his books and rock to his tunes! (we might even create our own school song) after MLK Day we will return to discover how folks all over the world explore daytime and nighttime. We will also have 2 school wide PJ days! Finally we will round out the month exploring the cold of the arctic and maybe we might even have snow here to experiment with... 😊

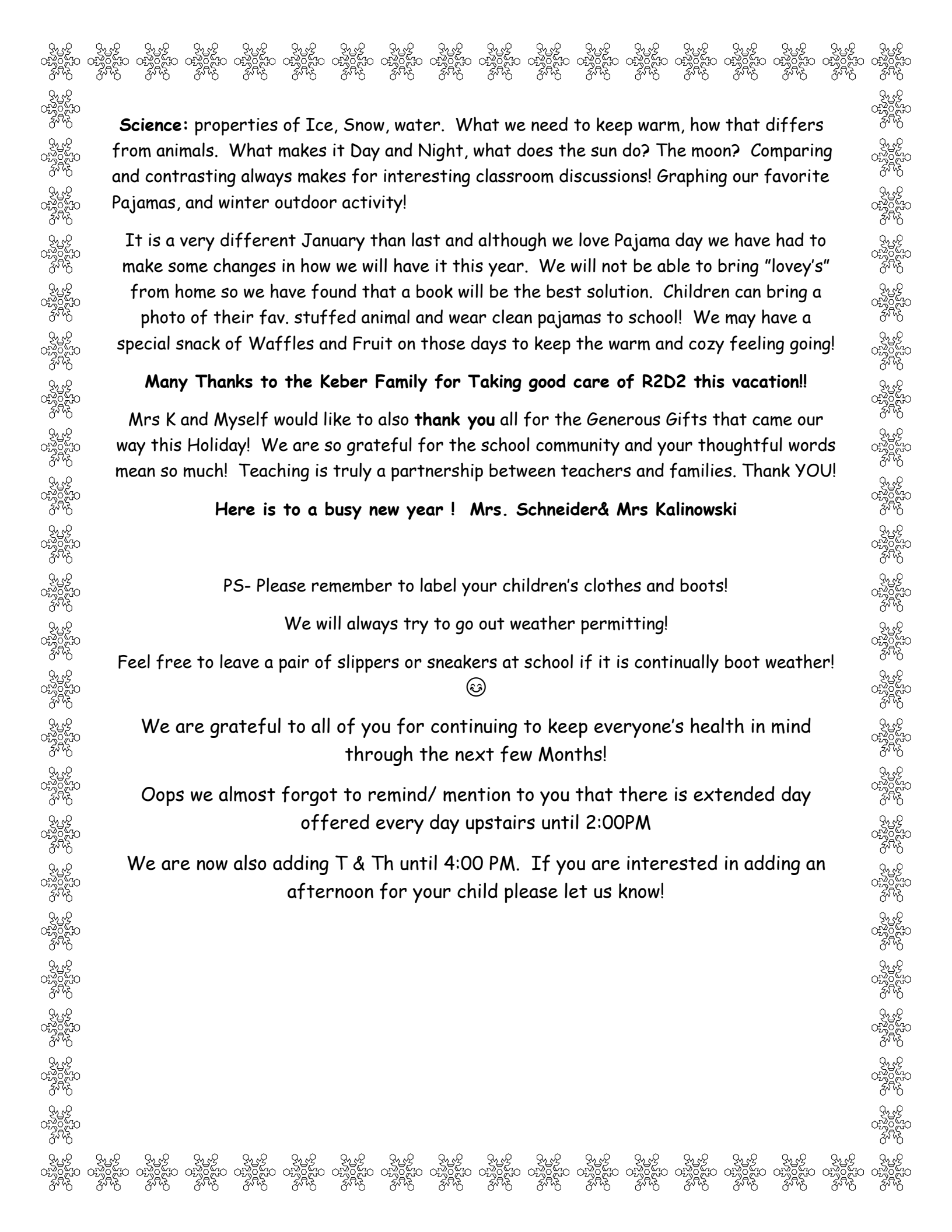
Here are some of the skills we will be working on This Month:

Fine/ Gross Motor Skills- cutting, molding clay, drawing and lacing, Hopping, balancing, starting and stopping our bodies during movement games.

Language Skills- Speaking to our peers using friendly supportive language, problem solving with our peers on our own. New vocabulary words to describe feelings and temperature, day, night, nocturnal, celestial diagrams, stars, constellations etc. We will also be continuing to focus on story telling, that stories help us solve problems, predict language (in rhyming books) and that they have a beginning a middle and an end. We will share our fav. Stories during our Pajama days.

Social/Emotional- What happens to us when we share our feelings; everyone has feelings. Bedtime routines, what do we do in the day? Night? .. Who works at night time? Where is it night time when it is Daytime here?

Math- counting, ordering, classifying, Memory games. Predicting amounts of items a truck can carry than actually experimenting. Incline, velocity, etc.. with our wrecking ball.



Science: properties of Ice, Snow, water. What we need to keep warm, how that differs from animals. What makes it Day and Night, what does the sun do? The moon? Comparing and contrasting always makes for interesting classroom discussions! Graphing our favorite Pajamas, and winter outdoor activity!

It is a very different January than last and although we love Pajama day we have had to make some changes in how we will have it this year. We will not be able to bring "loveys" from home so we have found that a book will be the best solution. Children can bring a photo of their fav. stuffed animal and wear clean pajamas to school! We may have a special snack of Waffles and Fruit on those days to keep the warm and cozy feeling going!

Many Thanks to the Keber Family for Taking good care of R2D2 this vacation!!

Mrs K and Myself would like to also **thank you** all for the *Generous Gifts* that came our way this Holiday! We are so grateful for the school community and your thoughtful words mean so much! Teaching is truly a partnership between teachers and families. Thank YOU!

Here is to a busy new year ! Mrs. Schneider & Mrs Kalinowski

PS- Please remember to label your children's clothes and boots!

We will always try to go out weather permitting!

Feel free to leave a pair of slippers or sneakers at school if it is continually boot weather!



We are grateful to all of you for continuing to keep everyone's health in mind through the next few Months!

Oops we almost forgot to remind/ mention to you that there is extended day offered every day upstairs until 2:00PM

We are now also adding T & Th until 4:00 PM. If you are interested in adding an afternoon for your child please let us know!