



## Frog's January 2012 Newsletter

We had so much fun last month when we celebrated the season of winter. The Winter Concert was a success! The children did a wonderful job singing the songs and acting out their roles from the play. We also enjoyed a simulated flight in an airplane and made paper airplanes at the Aviation Museum.

We'll begin our new year of learning with a focus on transportation. Trucks, cars, trains and planes have always been all-time favorites. Discussions will begin by reinforcing the children's existing knowledge about transportation and expanding their knowledge through our classroom learning. Children will engage in hands-on activities in all of the learning centers. When children learn from a hands-on approach they remember the material better and have a sense of accomplishment when the task is completed. They will also be able to transfer that experience to other learning situations. Hands-on learning is more interesting and enjoyable. This month's activities will include: designing vehicles from boxes (Art), sorting and counting transportation vehicles by land, air, and water (Math), and creating edible transportation. We'll also focus on other transportation-related topics, such as learning to read street signs and maps (Language Arts), and how people around the world travel (Social Studies).

### Calendar Events

- 1/4 A Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-up Sheet will be posted outside the classroom. A waiver form is also available if you prefer not to attend the conference.
- 1/16 Center is closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.
- 1/18 Field trip to the Puppet Company at Glen Echo Park.
- 1/23-2/3 Parent-Teacher Conferences

### Birthdays

- 1/7 Ms. Grace
- 1/15 Arman Rostami
- 1/27 Danielle Anthony