

January 2025 Room 4



Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I am filled with excitement and optimism for what lies ahead. The start of the new year is the perfect opportunity for reflection and setting new goals.

One new goal each year at this time is to build concentration and focus among the students in my class. It's time to increase our focus and concentration on new and more challenging tasks.

This month we will focus on Antarctica, penguins, and icebregs. As well as winter, snowflakes, hibernation and, Chinese New Year. And a group focus on triangles.

Let's talk about Freedom Within Limits

In Montessori education, the concept of "freedom within limits" is fundamental to fostering a nurturing and effective learning environment.

- 1. Children are given the freedom to choose their activities and work at their own pace. This autonomy encourages them to take ownership of their learning and explore interests.
- 2. Clear boundaries, Limits are established to create a safe and respectful environment. These boundaries help children understand acceptable behavior, fostering a sense of responsibility and selfdiscipline.
- 3. With freedom comes the expectation of responsibility. Children learn to manage their time, care for materials, and respect the rights of others, developing important life skills.
- 4. When faced with choices and boundaries, children learn to navigate challenges, make decisions, and solve problems, enhancing their crucial thinking abilities.

Overall, freedom within limits creates a balanced approach that nurtures independence, responsibility, and a lifelong love of learning, all within a supportive and structured environment.

Most importantly this classroom has a secret code word, elephant! Email it, text it, or tell me the word.

Dates to know

Library Days January 7th & 21st

Community Lunch January 27th

January 20 No School MMK

Looking Ahead

February 5, we will be showcasing materials in our classrooms for your learning needs! DTC

<u>Class Birthdays</u>

January 6th

Henderson Moore turns 5

Classroom Needs

We are in need of two helpers for our community lunch on January 27th.

