

## January Project Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Winter Icicle	3 Winter Icicle	4 Self-Portrait Picture Day!	5 Self-Portrait Picture Day!	6 The Mitten
9 Gingerbread Man	10 Gingerbread Man	11 Animals in winter Make birdfeeder	12 Animals in Winter Make birdfeeder	13 Animal Tracks
16 Polar Animals- Penguins	17 Polar Animals- Penguins	18 Inuk Shuks	19 Inuk Shuks	20 Snowman
23 Pizza/PJ Day	24 Pizza/PJ Day	25 Conferences No School	26 Conferences No School	27 Hot Chocolate
30 Snowy Day Ezra Jack Keats	31 Snowy Day Ezra Jack Keats			

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## CCNS January 2012 Newsletter

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the New Year! We are jumping right back into things after our break by learning all about the winter season. We will discuss what we need to wear out in the cold and what some fun activities are to do in the snow. You will notice our classrooms have been transformed into winter wonderlands! January is a favorite month here at CCNS of students and teachers alike! Another perennial favorite is the Gingerbread Man! The children are so delighted when the Gingerbread man runs away but then is found again! We will then learn how we can take care of God's creatures by making a birdfeeder. We will be revisiting our Polar unit this year, by learning about polar animals and making a polar land marker called an Inuk Shuk.

### Picture Day

January 4 & 5 will be picture day at CCNS. Please make sure you have filled out an envelope with your child's information for the photographer. If your child's picture is taken, you will automatically receive a free tote bag with your child's picture on it. No purchase necessary. Siblings are welcome to have their pictures taken also, but you must sign up for a time slot! Please dress your child in brightly colored clothes. A class picture will be taken and available for purchase later in the year.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for January 25 & 26. Look for a sign-up sheet mid month to reserve your time slot. Evening appointments are available. There will be **NO SCHOOL** the days of conferences, but there **will** be class on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Enrollment for next school year

Enrollment for current families begins on Monday January 30, 2012!! Open enrollment will begin February 1, 2012. Our current enrollment form can be found on our website or you can pick one up on the table outside of the Crib Room.

We will be beginning an author unit at the end of January. Our featured author is Ezra Jack Keats! He is a wonderful children's author with many, many books to his credit. His books are also uniquely illustrated. It would be great to take a trip to the library with your child and check out some of his books!

Here are some titles to look for:

Snowy Day

Whistle for Willie

Jennie's Hat

A Letter to Amy

Peter's Chair

Goggles!

Hi, Cat!

Pet Show!

Skates!

Kitten for a day

Regards to the Man in

The Moon

There are so many parenting blogs out there in the "blogosphere" but one of my very favorites where I continuously find wonderful articles, creative play ideas and "thinking outside the box" projects is [www.NotJustCute.com](http://www.NotJustCute.com). I recently downloaded an article called Creativity Matters by Amanda Morgan from this website. In it is a wealth of information about how our kids are losing creativity at the expense of more emphasis being placed on academic achievement and parents and schools being passive about nurturing creativity. Who will be the future generation's Steve Jobs, Albert Einstein or Marie Curie without creativity? Albert Einstein himself said,

**"I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious."**

This quote, among other things, makes me proud of our school's name-**Curiosity Corner Nursery School**-because we do our best to nurture our children's creativity here by holding fast to our play-based learning philosophy and for that we are very proud. Maybe one of our former students will be the next Steve Jobs or Albert Einstein or Marie Curie....who knows?