

## WONDERFUL ONES

Welcome 2019 and Happy New Year to you all! We are blessed to get to start a new year with your wonderful children.

As we welcome in the New Year, we will be exploring and talking about winter, winter animals, dressing for winter and winter weather. This month we also celebrate the Feast of Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the celebration of the Three Kings visiting the newborn baby Jesus. We will have several sensory activities this month that will allow your child to touch and feel cold and cold vs. warm. We will also be using the colors red and blue for art activities and talking about how they relate to hot and cold. I also plan to print some pictures to provide a visual for the children to help them understand what epiphany is.

Along with winter always comes colds and other illnesses so We also plan to focus on ways that we can prevent the spread of germs. You can help us reinforce this at home by washing their hands and yours frequently and properly (at least 20 seconds). You can also encourage them to cough or sneeze into their elbows and not their hands and toward the floor and not the person next to them. If you think your child has been exposed to someone that is ill, please let us know so we can be on the lookout for symptoms.

Please check your child's basket frequently to make sure they have appropriate clothing for our quick changing Florida weather. This time of year, your child needs to have at least one set of spare clothes for warm weather and one for cold weather. We do go outside twice a day weather permitting and we do tend to get dirty, so several changes of clothes are preferred so that we can keep your child looking as clean as they came in.

This month, we will be needing your help with a few of our big fundraising events. The Kumquat festival is on January 27<sup>th</sup> and as most of you know the daycare has a booth every year selling pies. We will be needing lots of help beforehand making the pies and the day of selling the pies. There will be a signup sheet in Susie's office for both so please check your schedules and see if there are any time slots to can sign up for. Every little bit helps.

January 31st will be our class picture. Please be sure to have your child here that day by 9am so that they can be in our photo.

In closing we would like to thank you for all the thoughtful Christmas gifts and for allowing us the privilege of caring for your child and helping them grow. God Bless and Happy New Year!

Ms. Jen Ms. Kristie Ms. Nicole Ms. Sandy