## CHARGERS 2

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## Cooler temperatures can only mean winter is here, or is it with Texas weather?

In Chargers 2 we will explore many new experiences, such as playing with "fake" snow (shaving cream). We will continue to work on our counting, colors, shapes and ABC's daily. Everyday we go over "using our inside voices" and our "Big Kid" words to communicate with our friends. We could use your help with this at home. The students are starting to grasp the concept of what they do and don't like, so anything that can help our Chargers verbally express themselves, we encourage it. Our students are continuing to work on alphabet recognition, color recognition, and number recognition. This is hard work, and we are so proud of each child. During Circle Time lessons, we are able to join together, and this also helps each child to learn.

A fun way we introduce math is by counting at every threshold we pass- we count how many friends we have, which is also teaching how to count in higher numbers. We work on sorting with shapes and colors daily- this is another way we incorporate counting. In Chargers 2 we strive to have our friends know their colors, shapes ABC's and numbers. Repetition is key. We also work to be sure our colors and shapes are often moved around to help with being able to identify independently.

We have started incorporating sign language with all of our circle time. It is such a joy to see. We will incorporate fun science experiments in class together- ice experiments, making our own snow, and so much more!

We will ring in the new year focusing on winter and Arctic animals. We will talk about the change of seasons and what winter brings. "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You See?" will help illustrate different Arctic animals and show them in their environment.

Social and Emotional development is a key learning topic over the next few months. Talking about "feelings" and learning how to express our emotions are just a peak into what we will be working on.

As the seasons change, we will blow into March winds and talk about farm life and all the workings of a farm and the animals that you would see there. We will then talk about spring and plant some seeds so we can watch how they grow. This will lead us into our earth theme. We will focus on our planet and what everyone must do to protect the earth. We will create art using recycled materials.



## **Potty Talk**

In Chargers 2 we are continuously working on potty training. We have friends in all stages of the potty-training process. Some friends are being newly introduced, others will use the potty here and there, and we also have some friends who are fully potty trained. We root for them all equally and ask that we have the same help at home in guiding them through the process.

Please remember to bring a change of weather-appropriate clothes, especially during the potty-training process. Label all personal items and check Procare daily for any important information or reminders.

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