

### MRS. WELCH ~ JANUARY 2016

In January...

We will start our first "Study" on Pets! Studies allow us to dig deeper and make connections to subjects that interest the students.

Our pretend play area will be set up as a Veterinarian's Office with animals to take care of and special doctor tools to help a pet or animal in need. Our book basket will have a variety of fiction and non-fiction books about pets and animals. During small groups, we will have activities that connect to pets and/or Veterinarians.

If anyone knows of a Veterinarian that could come in to do a presentation or two, please let me know. It would be great for the students to meet a Veterinarian and be able to ask questions about their work with animals.

~ Mrs. Welch



New art shelf from PTOI

#### MONTHLY THEMES

Color: Blue

Shapes: Half Circle & Cube

Author: Dr. Seuss

Pattern: AABBAABB

Art: Snow/Winter and Animal/Pets

Pretend Play: Veterinarian Office

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* PJ DAY ~ Jan 19
- \* Blue Days (color of the month) ~ January 7 & 13
- \* No School: January 18 & 22
- \* Half Day: January 21
- \* Ongoing... Star of the Week

### CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE

We have developed and practiced many routines/procedures at school these last four months. After our almost two week long break, we will need to review and practice our routines such as the order of our daily schedule, clean up routines,

getting all our snow gear/recess gear on by ourselves and our transitions throughout our day. This is common after breaks to have to reattach our daily routines. You may also notice this at home during your morning

routine before school. Give yourself extra time to reattach packing up their back pack and getting on their winter gear/boots. It is great to revisit all of the procedures we've built so far at home and school.

