Panda Class Newsletter # 9

10th January

Teacher's Corner:

Welcome back to school and a very happy New Year to you dear Panda parents! May it be healthy, happy and filled with wonderful memories and adventures.

We were very happy to welcome the children back into our classroom. This week's topic is - A New Year/A New start. We talked about New Year resolutions and the children made their own resolutions. We have shared our holiday traditions and adventures and we have had a very nice and calm beginning of this calendar year.

The children will be assessed by Miss Emily, our school coordinator, in the next few weeks. Our Kindergarten readiness assessment consists of fun games and chats with Miss Emily where she will observe your children's language & literacy skills and mathematics skills. Mr. Roberto and I will assess our Panda's fine and gross motor skills, approaches to learning and social and emotional skills. You will get the assessment results at our meeting in March. At the end of this month you will receive your child's first term assessment, there won't be a meeting.

Your Panda team,
Andrea & Roberto & Irati :-)

Weekly Themes

- Health week/Taking care of ME - 13th of January
- Winter animals/Arctic life - 20th of January

Upcoming Events

- **Show & Tell** starts on Monday 13th of January , the schedule is posted on our Panda info board
- **Gym** is every Wednesday. Please make sure your child has gym clothes(T-shirt, sport pants/leggings, shoes with white bottom, no outdoor shoes, water bottle), in her/his small backpack which they can carry

What we're Learning

Literacy - This week we have practised and reviewed all the letters and sounds we have learned so far. I recommend practising writing their names and the letters we have learned (uppercase and lowercase) at home too.

Math - The children continued practicing simple adding. We also practised patterns and shapes.

Sign language - The children really enjoy learning new signs and this week we have started short conversations.

Science - The children had lots of fun making coloured ice. They also made nice paintings with melting color ice cubes.