# Maple Tree Classroom January Newsletter

### ♦ December Recap ♦

December was a joyful month filled with learning, exploration, and celebration! Our class discovered the true meaning of Christmas through hands-on activities and meaningful conversations. The children created their own stockings, practiced fine-motor skills while stuffing them, and enjoyed spreading holiday cheer with festive Christmas carols.

We wrapped up the year with a fun New Year's Eve celebration, complete with new songs, creative art projects, and a few special birthday celebrations along the way. We also enjoyed *National Cookie Day* by sharing (and tasting!) some of our favorite cookies—what a sweet treat!

#### Looking Ahead to January

January is all about winter wonders! Throughout the month, children will explore the unique characteristics of the winter season, learn about Chinese New Year and its rich cultural traditions, and investigate what makes winter special through sensory experiences and hands-on science. They will express their creativity with festive winter-themed art and music, while also discovering fascinating Arctic animals and how they adapt to icy environments. It promises to be a month filled with curiosity, creativity, and discovery!

## Important Dates to Remember

- · January 1, 2026 New Year's Day (School Closed)
- · January 19, 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (School Closed)



### Maple Tree January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			(School Closed)	Snowman Building with Playdough Activity
5	6	7	8	9
How many buttons On our mittens? Counting activity	Cookie Cutter Shapes Playdough Activity	"I'm a Little Snowflake" Song	Learning About Penguins (Letter 'P')	Learning About Polar Bears
12	13	14	15	16
"I'm a little tea cup" Nursery Rhyme	Making Snowflakes Activity (Letter 'S')	"Five Little Snowmen" Song	Matching Penguins Activity	Hot Chocolate Counting Cards
19	20	21	22	23
MLK Day (School Closed)	Snowman Creating & counting Activity	Learning About Animals that Hibernate	Lacing Card Activity	"London Bridge Is Falling Down" Nursery Rhyme
26	27	28	29	30
"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" Nursery Rhyme	Follow the Polar Bear Paw Prints Jumping Activity	Owl Feather Craft(Letter 'O')	I Spy with my Little Eye Activity	Learning About Winter Season