



# SCP News

## Miss Laurel's Corner

Welcome to 2017!! I am always excited for all the possibilities that a new year holds.

I know January can often seem kind of dreary in the weather department, but we have a ton of exciting learning possibilities planned this month.

As we come back to school we will talk about the calendar, days of the week and the number 2017. We will explore same, different and opposites, depending on which class you are in.

In the sensory table we will play with snow, build ice castles and do color explosions. We will spend some time exploring different kinds of weather, learning about dressing for the weather and practice putting on our own outdoor clothes.

We will make frost in a can, have stuffed animal day and we will even have a mashed potato day!

Be sure to stay connected to all these happenings by reading the class whiteboard that is outside the classroom door each day, reading our wonderful newsletter, and watching your class calendar.

Welcome to the new families that are joining us this month!

Enjoy everyone,  
Miss Laurel



## Upcoming Dates

Jan 7	Cleaning Day
Jan 10	Teacher In-Service
Jan 13	Board Meeting
Jan 16	No School-MLK Jr. Day
Jan 27	No School- Semester Break

## Treasurer's Reminders



- Invoices are emailed on the 21st for the following month's tuition
- Tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month
  - **Bates fees are due this month along with tuition.**
- A late fee of \$10 is added on the 11<sup>th</sup>
  - If you are unable to pay on time, contact our Treasurer to set up a plan.
- If you wish to withdraw from the preschool and receive the advance tuition payment already made, you must give **one month's written notice prior to your last day.**
  - Withdrawal slips are located in the classroom
- After you have completed your cleaning day, let the Treasurer know and she will return your cleaning fee check to you.

Please contact our Treasurer if you have further questions or concerns.

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## Nature's Corner

What kind of weather do you like best? Do you like the rain? Do you like a frosty morning? This month take some time to notice and appreciate the beauty of winter.

Sunrises and sunsets this time of year are easy to observe, and even if the weather seems very much the same, if you watch closely, for just a moment, you might feel differently about January weather.

Blue Class will take a field trip to the Hands on Children's Museum in Olympia. Stayed tuned for details!

**January Colors:**  
Blue and White  
**Shape:**  
Hexagon  
**Nursery Rhyme:**  
Little Boy Blue

## Snack Center Ideas



### -Animal toast

You will need: a toaster, bread, animal cookie cutters, plastic knives and toppings. Let the child make a piece of toast, cut out an animal shape, and spread on butter, jelly or jam. Easy and yummy!

### -Bugs on a log

You will need: celery sticks, cream cheese, peanut butter/cheese spread, plastic knives and raisins/dried cranberries for the "bugs". Children spread the topping on the celery and add the "bugs". An old classic, but a goody.

### -Ice cream in a can

There are good and easy recipes on Pinterest!



The home/school connection is a very important. You can help reinforce what we're doing in class by using these words at home this month:

Calendar

The days of the week

Same/Different

Opposite

Weather, and weather words, i.e. rain, snow, cloudy, sunny, fog, etc.

Thermometer

Cold/Warm/Frost





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## Bate's Corner

Understanding how your children learn is important so that you can create a good learning environment and to understand why learning through play is important. In his book, *Brain Rules: 12 Principles for Surviving and Thriving at Work, Home and School* (Pear Press; [www.brainrules.net](http://www.brainrules.net)), John Medina observes, "If you wanted to create an educational environment that was directly opposed at what the brain was good at doing, you probably would design something like a classroom." He outlines the following 12 brain-focused principles for teaching and learning...

1. Exercise: Exercise boosts brain power.
2. Survival: The human brain evolved, too.
3. Wiring: Every brain is wired differently
4. Attention: We don't pay attention to boring things
5. Short-term memory: Repeat to remember
6. Long-term memory: Remember to repeat
7. Sleep: Sleep well, think well
8. Stress: Stressed brains don't learn the same way
9. Sensory Integration: Stimulate more of the senses
10. Vision: Vision trumps all other senses
11. Gender: Male and female brains are different
12. Exploration: We are powerful and natural explorers

As we enter the New Year let's focus on how children best learn and create those kinds of learning opportunities.

Bates annual Kindergarten Panel is coming up on January 10th. Get your questions answered about kindergarten, what to expect and how to prepare your child for this new adventure.

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# ENROLLING NOW FOR JANUARY

# Getting Ready for School

## Kindergarten Panel Discussion



*Childcare will not be provided for this event*

### What do you need to do to prepare your child for school?

A panel of participating school kindergarten teachers from many school districts will be available to answer your questions about their programs.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**  
**7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**South Campus**  
2201 S. 78th St.  
South Campus Auditorium  
Building E, Room 103  
(new building behind administrative office)

Convenient parking and easy access.  
Take 72nd Street Exit off of I-5, follow the signs to Bates Technical College.



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