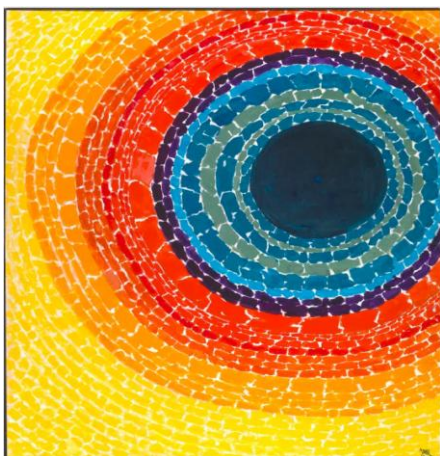


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Dear families, Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a nice holiday and break, and we are looking forward to seeing students again this week. Temperatures are looking to be quite cold, so please be sure to send your child in appropriate clothing as we will spend as much time outside as is advisable by the Child Care Weather Watch, Wind Chill Factor Chart. *As a reminder, MSYC follows all LPS weather related school closures and delays.* Please also note that *Wednesday January 15th* will be Pajama Day. Students are welcome to wear their pajamas and to bring one small stuffy to school! Additionally, there will be *no school on Monday January 20th* in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We have an engaging second semester planned for students and are looking forward to getting started with an in-depth study of our solar system! Here's a recap of what we covered last month and what is new and upcoming for January.

Recap:

- We talked about:
 - Winter holidays around the world
 - Seasons
 - Time
 - Weather
 - Parts of the Pine Tree
 - Parts of the Grizzly Bear
 - Migration, Adaptation, and Hibernation
- Here is a photo of our featured painting for January entitled *The Eclipse* (1970), by African-American artist, Alma Thomas:



New and Upcoming:

- We will be covering in January:
 - The Solar System
 - Seasons
 - Time
 - Weather
 - Snow
 - Martin Luther King Jr.
 - Revisiting Grace and Courtesy Lessons
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- School resumes Monday January 6
- Pajama Day Wednesday January 15
- NO SCHOOL Monday January 20 in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

How to help your child at home:

- Students often struggle to return to school following a break. Help them to feel good about going back to school by talking with them about seeing their friends and teachers again, what they enjoy about school, and letting them know that there will be new work for them to explore
- We also have a new student joining our classroom on January 6th. Encouraging your child to take a leadership role and to show their new friend how our classroom operates can help them adopt a positive outlook
- Have them practice putting on all of their indoor and outdoor clothing on independently
- Encourage them practice saying "please" and "thank you" when asking for and receiving assistance

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