## Greetings,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a warm and peaceful break. We are hoping to see a small break in the weather which will allow us to enjoy more time outside. This past week of cold weather was a bit challenging for everyone. Fortunately we have a lot of new work that has been added and we also took some time to rearrange the classroom, working to create a more productive flow for the children. We are starting our next continent, Oceania, where we will focus on the culture of the continent including the people, animals and customs of Oceania. Please feel free to reach out if you or your family have any connections or ideas they would like to share with the class regarding Oceania. We have started a new unit on mammals focusing on the lifecycle of a hedgehog. We will also spend more time focusing on different landforms in our geography area.

We have a new addition to the classroom in the form of sound clouds. They have been installed to help reduce the noise level in the classroom. We all agree they are definitely helping to reduce the sound throughout the day. A BIG thank you to the Thompson-Fleisher family for the financial contribution to put up the sound clouds. We greatly appreciate it!

With the new year, we decided to implement a new policy for late arrivals. If you are going to arrive past 9:00, we ask that you take your child to the front office. You will need to park in the east campus lot and walk your child to the office door then ring the bell. Someone in the office will then walk your child/children over to their classroom. We feel this will help the children have a more productive start to their morning work cycle. Thank you for your help and patience with this new transition.

We wish you all the best for the new year! Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Take care, Kia Hulvershorn Mollie Ferguson Beth Reckamp Horaa Mohsain