



**HINGHAM
NURSERY
SCHOOL**

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The winter months have been very busy at HNS! We had some snow in January and February, so the children had opportunities to sled, shovel, make snow angels and work together to make snow people. Please continue to send your children dressed in or with their snow clothes, it allows the children to remain dry and warm while playing outside. If their snow pants or mittens get very wet, we often put them in the dryer so they can go out again after lunch. Our outside time at HNS is so important!



The past few weeks leading up to February break, each class had a pajama day where children and teachers could wear their cozy pajamas to school and eat pancakes! Pajama Day is one of our favorite traditions at HNS.

Finally, during vacation the warm ground caused some of the daffodils, tulips and crocus in front of the school to begin poking their heads up through the soil. The children have been patiently waiting for this to happen since planting them in September! Fortunately, the flowers as well as the children are very resilient. So, we welcome the snow with enthusiasm, but know that spring is just waiting around the corner! Thank you for your continued support, patience and kind words during my first seven months as Director. HNS has always been such a welcoming community!

Upcoming events: Parent/Teacher conferences for four and five-year-olds in March and in April/May for three and four-year-olds. The return of another time-honored tradition: “Special Person Day” will return for each class in April! More information to follow in a separate notice.



Sarah Murphy
President, Board of Directors

It’s hard to believe that it’s already March! It was fantastic to bring back some time honored HNS traditions around the holidays like the Polar Express train arriving in Mrs. Young’s classroom and decorating gingerbread houses with parent help. It has been wonderful to have parents back volunteering in the classrooms. If you’re interested in coming in but have not yet had the opportunity, please reach out to your child’s teacher!

We had a large group of students and caregivers for bowling over winter break and an even bigger group of moms for “Mom’s Night Out” in January. Our fantastic Board has been helping us all celebrate the holidays in style with holiday raffle baskets and delivering Valentine’s candy grams.

Polar Bear Pete will be plunging into the Harbor again on March 4. It is truly a sight to behold! We are looking forward to more get-togethers as a community this spring so keep an eye on your inboxes! Most importantly, save the date for our fun spring party on Saturday, April 29. More information to follow. **Thank you** for your support! If you have any thoughts or ideas, don’t hesitate to reach out!

The Wheels on the bus...

The playground school bus purchased in honor of Murnie Leary, our former Director, arrived in the beginning of February and the children watched with anticipation as it was unwrapped, moved and then installed on the playground. It was very hard to wait! One of the first rides was taken by Murnie! Amy Fox's "Five Guys" joined in for some fun for a very bumpy ride! It continues to be much-loved by all the children outside on the playground.





Chefs in training...

Did you know our students make the most delicious treats? Cinnabon's, ice cream, popsicles... we sure are lucky!



Some of our students had the opportunity to meet our mail carrier. They mailed out some letters and got to check out the truck!



What an exciting time we have in our classroom! We had a super busy and fun month with pajama day, a Valentines party, and playing post office. We wrote letters and mailed them by meeting our very own mail carrier, Mr. Rich.

We also had a fabulous time in January learning all about the Arctic and Antarctic. Ice experiments, and many awesome art projects were done to help us understand the environment and indigenous people of the Arctic. We loved learning about all the animals in both Poles and our favorite books were about Tacky the penguin.

The class has also been working hard at their daily assigned jobs and are also learning our letter sounds. We have good mastery of recognizing all our upper- and lower-case letters. We are celebrating 100 Days on March 2nd. The other classrooms will be invited to see our decorations, and our 100 Collection Museum. Most of us can count to 100 and know how to count by 10s to 100. Numbers are such fun!

Although we haven't had much snow to play in, we certainly love it when it does snow. We have started reading our new classroom thermometer in our science window and watch the red line go up and down!

In March we are learning about fairy tales, and will be playing in our fairy tale costumes, painting a fairy house, making shields and magic wands, and enjoying all the traditional fairy tale stories. Then we will continue our fantastic time with learning about leprechauns and making traps with our families to try to catch one at school! It's going to be epic! This is the year we catch one!!

We will spend the last 2 weeks of March in Outer Space! What fun it will be. Don't you wish you could be in our class?



What a busy start to the new year! We began by learning about Winter - making ice cream cone bird feeders, experimenting with snow and ice and making edible igloos. And believe it or not, we did get to play in the snow on the playground. Our study of Fairy Tales ended last week with a culminating activity of talking about all the fairy tales we read and independently drawing our favorite. The unit also included painting a large castle, making dragons, shields, crowns, magic wands and going on a gingerbread hunt. After February vacation we will be "blasting off" to start our exploration of Space. We will be very busy!



Our students continue to show up to school filled with curiosity and excitement! We continue to focus on building friendships and being kind. We have a kindness jar where we celebrate actions and words that make others smile. It's truly wonderful to hear phrases such as " your picture is really nice", " Can I help you with your coat" and " I shared my toy with my friend". These skills are essential and a focal point of our instruction. We are also helping the students to build independence. They feel so proud when they realize that they can do it all by themselves.



We have created opportunities for them to gain confidence in their abilities to do things by having them unpack and pack their own bags, dress for outside play, check in on the attendance chart and complete the task of putting materials away to name a few.

Thematically, we started off the New Year exploring arctic animals and are currently learning about veterinarians and supporting exploration of this in the Animal Hospital we created in the room. Throughout the day we continue to support the students' understanding of letters and numbers through various games and tactile play. We were also delighted to celebrate Chinese New Year, Groundhog Day and Valentine's day!

We are delighted that we still have music every Friday. The students LOVE Rowan and get to sing and experience great gross motor movement. Outside play is a pillar of HNS educational philosophy! We strongly believe that children need to play outside as much as possible to gain physical strength and coordination as well as learn to negotiate play with others and strengthen their imaginations. We were so lucky to have beautiful weather as well as some snow which allowed the kids to sled!

Each day our class community strengthens and grows. They have truly become a little family and we are very much looking forward to watching their continued growth throughout the rest of the year.



The 3 day 3 year old class has officially hit its groove, both in being fully acclimated to the school experience and in music class! Rowan keeps them grooving and helps get all of those wiggles out! Rowan also uses music to help the children practice self regulation and mindfulness. The children love practicing candle breathing and lying quietly listening to various instruments like the peaceful Rain Drum. We had a particularly cozy class when it fell on Pajama Day complete with a yummy pancake breakfast! The winter also brings so many favorite school units including "Things That Go".



The children love getting messy painting muddy pictures with monster truck tires and airplane pictures with fluffy clouds using cotton balls and clothespins. These are important activities for the children working their fine motor skills to help with things like pencil grip. They enjoy practicing their sorting skills using red, yellow, and green stickers on traffic lights. We end this unit with mail trucks to kick off the busy Post Office unit. The children love "mailing" their valentines to each other and weighing and packaging boxes for shipment! The children are having so much fun in their play it's easy to forget how hard they are working and how much they are learning.



Our class has had busy few months! We have been focusing on the season of Winter. The children have been exploring water, ice and snow. We have painted with ice and also melted ice in our classroom. We have been learning about what animals do during the winter. The children each made their own bird feeders using bagels. They each got to hang them on our tree outside of our classroom and then watched for the birds to come! We even got to make our own special cold treat of ice cream together. We measured and stirred and patiently waited for the yumminess to be ready. Our focus has also been friendship and kindness in February. On Valentine's day, the children shared their cards with one another showing they cared for each student in our class. We are having a great time learning and growing together!



Another great few months for the two morning five guys! Singing and dancing continues to be a highlight for them. I love how they not only participate but request music! Laurie Berkner music is always a great "moment of movement" to get the wiggles out. Music with Rowan is the same, they love trying musical instruments. Recently we finished up our transportation unit. Needless to say, "things that go" might be their favorite things. From diggers to ambulances, trains to planes the boys were busy and had a lot to share about every book we read. Now we are on to post office and we got to see the mail truck when it stopped at HNS. The boys were excited to give the mail carrier a letter, in their pajamas no less as we were celebrating pajama day. Again, these boys love snack time so making pancakes on pajama day from a mix was a highlight and they each ate at least three. Cooking is a great teaching moment, taking turns, science and math are all covered. Next, we are on to dinosaurs! It is one my favorite units and the children always enjoy it. As always, our focus are the HNS basics; learning to explore the room, learning routines and taking care of yourself, learning to talk to a friend when you want something they have, trying something new, and above all love of school. My goal is always that foundation for these little guys who are growing so fast.

