

# Chenango Valley Nursery School

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Working with the Alphabet

Parents frequently ask if we will teach their child to read in nursery school. While we won't be teaching "reading" we will be learning the letter sounds, letter recognition and letter writing. Many of our current activities in the Preschoolers and Pre-K rooms deal with Auditory Perception. This helps the children to listen for different sounds and is a natural introduction to reading. We will play games, do art activities, read stories and discover that letters make words. Being able to hear the different sound a letter makes will help us to become readers. You can help by reading to your child, pointing out beginning letters in words and what that sound is or by playing listening games.

### Teaching Good Manners

We have been working on our manners at school. "Please and Thank You" is where we are starting. We are modeling good manners at snack time and throughout the day. You can begin introducing manners into your child's daily routine. If your child likes to hand you a favorite stuffed bear, give him a smile and an enthusiastic "Thank You!" when you accept it. When your family is gathered at the dinner table, be sure to say "Please" or "May I?" when making a request. Learning manners is easier for your child when it is common practice in your household. See attached article.

### Bug Room News

Happy New Year to all of our Bug friends! We will begin our new year with Gingerbread fun! Run, run as fast as you can! That Gingerbread man is very clever but I think we can catch him. Our families will help us make a gingerbread house. Please join us on Tuesday, January 9th to decorate! Snow is in the air and soon snowballs will be too! The Bugs will have a snowball fight and do snow art. A favorite story, The Mitten by Jan Brett, will be read and dramatized. How many animals fit into a mitten? We will strap in snow shoes and look for polar animals. Can we identify the footprints in the snow? We might find some hibernating animals in our rooms. A science experiment will show us how animals stay warm in the winter. A skating rink will be set up in the Dramatic Play area. Lets put on our skates and glide around the room! A Pizza & Pasta Shop will be set up and we will make home made pasta! Delizioso!!

### Ice Castle

CVNS would like to build an Ice Castle on our playground. We hope to start building the week of Jan. 29th. Our "bricks" are made from freezing colored water in half-gallon paper milk or juice containers. Please start making your bricks now. No room in your freezer? You can freeze them outside! The more bricks we have, the bigger our castle can be. Please deliver the ice blocks to the playground. With your help and some cooperation from the weather, we will have a beautiful castle!

### Skate Estate Night

Monday, January 22, 5-7pm is CVNS family night at Skate Estate! Bring the family and anything with wheels! Don't forget your helmet! No two wheeled bikes.

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**Snack Reminder: Due to allergies, CVNS has a NO PEANUT or TREE NUT SNACK policy this year.**

### Outside Play

We will play outside if the real-feel temperature is 20 degrees or higher. You can check the Real-Feel temperature at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) or the Weather Channel app on your phone.

**Thank You to all our families that donated to the Front Street Dog Shelter**

