

# The Lion's Roar

January Update - 2011

Dear Tate Woods Families,

Welcome to 2011! We hope that you had a wonderful winter break with your children! We are all refreshed and ready to continue our very important work of learning here at Tate Woods. I've included a few reminders below for the month of January. As always, it is a pleasure working with you to educate our children.

Love and Hug One Another,

## NWEA-MAP Testing

Winter MAP testing in Reading and Math take place Jan 5-26. ALL students in grades 1 and 2 will be assessed during this timeframe. Please support your child with getting enough rest and having a good breakfast.

Thank you for your support.



## Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow

Your child needs the following to play in the snow:

- Snow pants/coat
- Snow boots
- Gloves/mittens
- Hat and scarf

## Primary Mathematics

As with reading, try to make math as much fun as possible - games, puzzles and jigsaws are a great way to start. It's also important to show how we use maths skills in our everyday lives and to involve your child in this.

Identifying problems and solving them can also help your child develop maths skills. If you see him or her puzzling over something, talk about the problem and try to work out the solution together.

### Tips for helping your child to enjoy math:

- Point out the different shapes to be found around your home.
- Take your child shopping and talk about the quantities of anything you buy.
- Let your child handle money and work out how much things cost.
- Look together for numbers on street signs and car registration plates.

Information taken from [www.bbc.co.uk/schools](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools)

## *Literacy in January*

*Use these literacy ideas to help your child continue to read in 2011.*

- *Read aloud to your child (even if they can read themselves)*
- *Have your older child read to a younger child*
- *Talk to your child about what they've read (read the book before them if possible)*
- *Relate what your child is reading to other things in the world*
- *Visit your local library*
- *Assist your child in choosing books that are "just right" for them*
- *Challenge your child to read material that may not be of high interest to them...this challenges them to use different reading skills*

### Reminders

- No School – January 17<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Program – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Jr. High
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – 11:45am Dismissal
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Roller Skating at Lombard Lanes 4:30pm

It's Cold Outside...



Students go out for recess in very cold weather. Please dress them appropriately.