



## Infant Room Lakeland's Little Learners January 2025



### December Highlights:

We spent the month of December talking and learning about the Holidays. Playing with ribbons and bows, crinkling wrapping paper and creating gifts for our families helped us all get into the Christmas spirit. Singing songs like "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and dancing to the "Reindeer Pokey" was a festive way to get our bodies moving!

### January Theme:

Can you believe the New Year and winter are already here? We will kick the year off with a study of winter. Talking about animals we see in winter, winter weather, and the clothing we wear during the winter months, will allow us to explore many aspects of this chilly season! This month, you will also find us working on many milestones including grabbing toys, tummy time, rolling over, and even crawling. We are excited to see what growth the month of January will bring!

### Family Connection:

As the cold winter weather starts to move in, you will most likely be spending more time inside. While playing with your infant, sing songs with them. Finger plays like "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "Pat-a-Cake" are an exciting way to introduce your infant to new words and allows them opportunities to listen, hear, and learn sounds. Along with learning language, finger plays allow your infant to work on their large and fine motor skills, as well as, valuable social skills. The website below provides a list of 10 finger play songs that help develop fine motor skills. Let us know which one is your child's favorite!

<https://www.amusictherapy.com/post/top-10-fingerplay-songs-to-develop-fine-motor-skills>

### Reminders:

Please be sure to send appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather. We are able to go outside if the "feels like" temperature is above 20 degrees. Also, please be sure to label all belongings and food each day.

### Important Dates:

January 1st – New Year's Day – Center Closed

January 13th – Elegant Farmer Fundraiser Begins

January 27th – Elegant Farmer Fundraiser orders due

We hope each of you had a Merry Christmas with family and friends and wish you all a Happy New Year! Thank you for allowing us to care for your child. We look forward to a wonderful New Year together!

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thank you,

Ms. Louise and Ms. Krista

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