As we bid farewell to the year 2013 and welcome 2014. Hope this New Year brings us joy, good health and prosperity. I for one cannot believe how fast this year flew by! We hope you all had wonderful break with you beloved ones.

We sincerely appreciate your love and generosity with the holiday gifts from all the families. We certainly feel lucky for the love and affection from children all of you–Thank you!

We return to school on Tuesday 7th Jan 2014. We are excited to welcome Aiden to our class, he will start on Tuesday. We are so excited to meet him!

Back to our letters, we will explore the letters: M, N, O & P. We will continue arts & crafts and cooking as a part of exploring the letter of the week. Children will enjoy making maps, monkey bread, nest, octopus and pancakes!

Just a thought: For “M” week, it would be fun for children to explore “money & maps” from different countries or a picture of it is fine too. I have Saudi riyal and Indian rupee for show and tell. And off course, kids are welcome to bring anything else too😊

The first week we will also discuss the concept of time, it is a hard one to grasp especially for children. Please send a picture of your child from last year or year before and a baby picture. It would be a good way to compare how much they have grown /changed since (promise to return all pictures safely).

Assessments: I have been making observations since the beginning of the school year. It is exciting to see the progress children have made. The assessments are done and ready to be shared with you.

Dates to remember this month:

- Jan 20, Monday – Martin Luther King Jr. (Holiday)
- Jan 30 Thurs & 31 Fri – FCPS Teacher Work day (Holiday)

Feel free to contact if any questions.

Happy New Year!
Fatima & Dian