

# JANUARY

Happy New Year Red Room parents! I hope everyone spent their holidays well and in high spirits, accompanied by all their loved ones. Miss Suzette and I wish you all a very prosperous and joyful new year. The New Year brings new beginnings and the Red Room would like to welcome new friends Caden, Lucinda and Chloe who will be joining us this month. I am certain the Red Room kiddos will make them feel welcomed. Also during this month we will be commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the kids will learn that friends come in an array of colors. The theme for this month will be "Where I live." The kids will learn about cities, states, neighborhoods etc. and where they live in relation to the rest of the world.

In order for the children to have a better understanding of where they fit into this world we will start off by talking about their homes and where they are located, then we will get into the neighborhood, city, state and so forth. It may be a little overwhelming to explain everything all at once which is why the children will learn this through an art project called "Me On the Map." We will cut out different sized circles where the size of the circle will signify the size of the geographic location. An example of this would be a small circle to represent home and a much bigger circle attributed to planet Earth. It will be a fun activity for both teachers and students. The children will also learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will discuss what he did for our nation and the importance of it.

Moreover the kiddos will learn about winter and the effect it has on certain animals such as bears and birds. Birds fly south and bears hibernate during the winter. We will be doing fun activities and reading books to further explain the reasoning for these animals leaving for the winter. I'm excited for the new year and I cannot wait to get it started. I'm sure the kids will all be excited to come back and see their friends as well as return to their academic schedule.

**Wishing you all the best in 2018,  
Mr. Ivan and Ms. Suzette**