



## Mountain Lion Cub News - January



### Jungle animal or desert animal?

Miss Amber and Miss Melissa's Preschoolers had fun and learned so much about jungle animals during the first half of January and then moved on to amazing desert animals for the second half. They engaged in many math, literacy, science and art activities that tied in all of these really cool animals. They learned to differentiate between these two types of animals with this fun sorting and classifying activity.



### Super COOL Continent

Miss Jylian and Miss Michaela's students spent this nice cold month learning about a REALLY cold continent - Antarctica! They discovered what types of animals are able to survive in these areas and how their bodies protect them from these harsh environments. The students did a fun science experiment in which they used a substance similar to animal's blubber to protect their hands from the cold of an icy bowl of water.



## **Spotlight on Development - Mathematics**

Mathematical knowledge, interests, and skills are basic to children's success in school and later life. From a very early age, mathematics

helps children to connect ideas, develop logical thinking, question, analyze, and understand the world around them. Through their senses, children embrace mathematics as an integral part of their world. Children thrive in environments that promote thinking and curiosity, are rich in mathematical language, and nurture their natural drive to explore and experiment with numbers, shapes, measurement, and patterns.

### **How can parents help?**

- \* Blocks and puzzles are easy ways to infuse spatial concepts in play.
  - \* Board games and card games that involve counting, addition and introduce symbols like spades and clubs help reinforce early math skills and improve children's number knowledge.
  - \* Have children create patterns with objects they have, like colorful socks.
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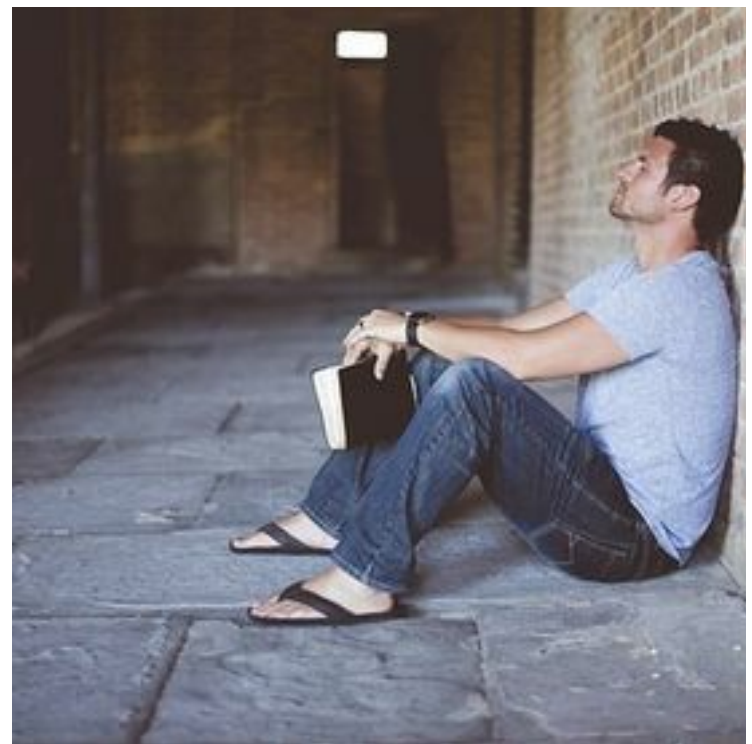


### **Pyramid Model Behavior Support For Families**

One of the most common things that we hear from parents is that their child will not do what they ask. Anything from brushing teeth to helping clean up can become a battle of wills.

Check out this article for parents with some helpful insights and tips that you can use to help your child learn to be a super star at cooperating with you.

<http://bit.ly/3hoOS1q>



### **Lighting the Way for Parents**

“For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.” **1**

***Thessalonians 2:11-12***