

Jackson Wrap Around  
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### January Recap: Out of This World!

This past month, our school-age explorers traded the classroom for the cosmos. We focused on STEM and teamwork as we reached for the stars. Highlights included:

**NASA Engineering:** We put our engineering hats on to design and build "NASA-grade" equipment using recycled materials.

**The Solar System:** We mapped out the stars, building a 3D solar system that helped us visualize the vastness of space.

**Spacesuit Design:** To understand insulation and safety, we used tin foil and creativity to engineer our own space suits.

**Cosmic Correspondence:** Our literacy focus this month was Persuasive Writing. We wrote heartfelt letters to real astronauts, sharing our dreams for the future of space travel.

### February News: Global Flavors & Little Chefs

Get your passports ready! This month, we are transitioning from space to the diverse cultures of Earth through our "Cooking Around the World" theme.

**What we are doing:**

**Global Snacks:** We will be whipping up recipes like Banana Bread and Rice Krispie treats, exploring the textures and science of cooking.

**The "Pop-Up" Restaurant:** In teams, the kids will design their own restaurant concepts, create original menus, and manage their own "kitchens."

**Teamwork & Sharing:** We will focus on communication skills ("Chef's Code") and self-help skills as we prepare snacks to share with our Little Learners community.

### Upcoming Events & Reminders

Feb 1-2: Lake Geneva Winterfest - The final days of incredible snow sculptures!

Feb 6: Mother/Son Bowling Night - Delavan Lanes (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM).

Feb 11: Pickup for the Elegant Farmer Fundraiser.

Feb 12: No School (4K-5)

Feb 13: No School (Staff In-service)

Feb 16: No School (Holiday)



#### Family Connection: "The Secret Ingredient"

This month, we encourage you to cook one meal at home together. Ask your child to be the "Lead Sous-Chef." The Challenge: Try making a "Mystery Quesadilla" or "Worldly Toast." Let your child choose one "wild" topping from the pantry to add to a classic snack. Ask them: "Why did you choose that ingredient?" and "How do you think the flavor will change once it's cooked?"

Character Corner: This month, we are focusing on Service Learning. Our chefs will be baking extra treats to share with local community helpers to practice the art of giving back!