



## Happy December Preschool Families!

### November Review

In November we had fun with **farm animals** and discovered how animals and farms contribute to some of the **nutritious foods** that we eat each day. The preschoolers also enjoyed learning all about **food groups** in November. We discussed, illustrated, and many of us sampled **the five food groups** during school lunch and snack. Our dramatic play area was transformed into a **grocery store** in which preschoolers shopped for groceries, “cooked” **food**, and used the cash register to “charge” one another for many items within the different food groups. We also enjoyed thinking about and acknowledging what it means to be **thankful** and we discussed and illustrated items and people who are important to us. We hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!



### Upcoming in December

We commend the preschoolers for their continued energy and excitement for learning! We have started the month working with **trains** as our block **train station**, with **train tracks**, **traffic signs**, **people from around the world**. We will continue **transportation, trucks, and simple machines**. Additionally we will begin the study of magnets and throughout **December** and into **January**.



center has transformed into a **magnetic trains**, and to learn all about **magnetic attraction** throughout the month.

Our dramatic play area is now a **Gingerbread Cookie Cafe** in which preschoolers can “bake” various felt cookies and reenact the sequence of the classic tale for the month, **The Gingerbread Baby** by Jan Brett and a few other versions of this holiday tale. We will celebrate the **holiday season** by learning about the various holidays that fall within the month of December. The preschoolers will share about and illustrate the **holiday** or **holidays** that their **family** celebrates, as well as some of the **traditions** that they enjoy during the holiday season.

As the **winter** approaches we will reflect upon and discover how our environment is changing and how people and animals are adapting to the **colder weather**. We will learn about **liquids and solids** and about things that **freeze**. Our Monday class already discovered ice that formed overnight while we were heading outside to our courtyard! We were VERY excited!



## General Announcements

- We will celebrate the holiday season with a **Pajama Day** on **Thursday, December 19th** and **Friday, December 20th**. Children that come to school every day are welcome to wear pajamas both days. (please wear regular shoes as we plan on going outside both days)
- **Friday December 20th is a half day for all students.** The preschoolers will all be dismissed at the back circle at 11:00 that day. (only morning snack will be served-lunch and afternoon snack will not be served that day)
- **School Vacation** is **Monday, December 23rd-Wednesday, January 1st.**
- Classroom wish list: Crayola Markers any size/color, old / leftover note cards / holiday blank cards / envelopes (for our writing center/mail office) and holiday stickers, thank you for your donations!
- Thank you for returning resting blankets and sheets to school, we will resend blankets and sheets home to be washed and returned just before the holiday season.

Thank you for sharing your preschoolers with us! We hope that they have a magical holiday with family and friends!

## Happy Holidays!



Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Trombly

