

Preschool Newsletter

December 2012

Hello Parents!

We are moving right along into winter, last month we did a lot of exciting themes. We started off with our **Harvest theme**, during this week we made a lot of vegetable artwork and made our own popcorn out of real corn. The next week we had our **Family theme**, we made our family trees and also colored our own family portraits. **Thanksgiving** was our third theme for the month and of course we discussed what food we eat on this holiday, what we are all thankful for, and had our own thanksgiving feast at school. We ended November with our **Kids in the Kitchen theme**, we spent all week cooking different things, muffins, pigs in a blanket, cookies, banana treats, rice crispy treats, and pizza.

Our themes for the month of December are **Gingerbread and Snow, Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa**. The letters for the month of December that we will be talking about are **G** and **H**, the shape is **rectangle** and the color is **green!** This means we will be reading G and H books, doing G and H artwork and working on recognizing what these letters look and sound like, along with rectangles and the color green.

Important Dates for December

- Pizza days will be December 7th, 13th, 21st, and 27th
- Music and Movement with Miss Sue will be on December 6th, 12th, and 20th
- Family Night will be on December 13th from 6:30pm-7:30pm
- The Book Fair will end on December 7th
- ORCCC Will be closed on December 24th, 25th
- ORCCC will close at 4:00 on December 31st

Parent Reminders

- Please send in mittens instead of gloves for your child
- Send in a hat, mittens, and a winter jacket for your child for outdoor play
- Always pack spare clothes
- Label your child's cup and anything that you put into the refrigerator
- Parents of children in diapers bring in 2 packages of wipes at the beginning of each month

Happy Birthday to...

- Neila on December 16th!

See you at school!

Linda & Shannon

Preschool Songs for December

“The Itsy Bitsy Snowman”

The itsy bitsy snowman was standing in the snow
Down came some flakes-
It made the snowman grow
Out came the sun
To shine its golden rays
Which warmed the little snowman
And melted him away

Arm movements

Hold arms in a circle (snowman tummy)
Wiggle fingers around
Hold arms to make sun
Hug self and slump to the floor

“The Snow”

The snow is on my (head, arm, nose, foot)
It landed there you see
I went outdoors to play
And snowflakes fell on me
(teacher will give child cotton balls to place where they'd like head, foot, nose)

“Gingerbread Man”

Run, Run as fast as you can
Until you can name
What shape I am!
(child will run in place, teacher will hold up a Gingerbread man holding a shape, child will name it)

“Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas Lights”

Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas lights
Lighting up December night.
Red and yellow, green and blue,
Making such a lovely view.
Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas Lights
Lighting up December Nights

“Happy Holidays”

(tune of “Clementine”)
Happy Kwanzaa!
Happy Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah to you!
Happy Kwanzaa!
Happy Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah to you!

May your days be very merry!
May your nights be merry too!
Happy Kwanzaa!
Happy Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah to you!