



BUSY BEARS PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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It's hard to believe we are only a month away from the New Year! The time has flown by so quickly over the past few months. It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming your children into our classroom and now they are comfortable and confident preschoolers.

In the upcoming month, we are hoping to provide the children with a low - key curriculum, full of the wonder of the holidays, lots of teachable moments and hands on learning. We also hope to foster the feelings of kindness, tradition, family and love. This is such a wonderful time of the year and no matter what holidays you celebrate, it is the perfect time to celebrate tolerance, peace and togetherness.

The first full week of December we will be focusing on Gingerbread Fun! We all love the smells and flavors of the holiday season and what is more recognizable than gingerbread! This week will be filled with the sights, scents and flavors of this delicious treat. We will be painting with ginger scented paint, making gingerbread playdough and of course the children will also be making their very own gingerbread people. We even hope to create a child sized gingerbread house for the children to play in.

During the second week of December, we will be discussing the different holidays and traditions from around the world. The children will be experiencing the different cultures with all their senses. We will be listening to stories and music from other countries, seeing and touching objects from around the world and viewing pictures that represent various cultures and traditions. We will be meeting the Department of Education Guideline that states ***“encourage children to communicate personal experiences or interests”***. We hope to have the children share information about their own traditions and cultures. We'd love to have families' involvement to enhance this unit. If you are interested in coming in a speaking with the children about your special traditions or cultures, we'd love your help. Please see one of the teachers if you are interested in coming in.

The next week of December will be all about Christmas and more traditions. This is bound to be a fun week for all. We will be ***listening to a wide***

variety of age appropriate literature read aloud” as we share holiday stories. We will also be using *“eye and hand coordination and visual perception tracking”* in play and art activities. Throughout the week, the children will be making Santa hats, creating wrapping paper collages and working on secret gifts for loved ones. We welcome your input as well this week. If you are interested in coming in and reading a holiday book or playing a holiday game with the children, we welcome you. Please see a teacher to set up an appropriate time to come in if you are interested.

The last week of the month is often a hectic time for the children. They have been all keyed up from the holidays and celebrations all month. During this week, we plan to make things more mellow. We will be focusing on the New Year coming and we will be giving the children a chance to be in control of the environment around them as they choose the stories and activities we do throughout the week. Wednesday will be “bring your favorite toy to school”, Thursday will be “Crazy Hat” day and *Friday, December 29th is our annual Pajama and Movie Day! Please don't forget to send your child to school in their pajamas!*

As you can see, we have a busy and exciting month ahead of us. It's bound to be filled with fun and holiday cheer. As we look around our classroom at all the smiling healthy faces we can't help but think about how fortunate we are. Thank you all for participating in the Can Drive and for being an active part of your child's classroom. You all really make a difference and we are so proud to be part of the Busy Bear Family!

Ms. Kate, Ms. Eileen, Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Kristen and Ms. Gabby



Cold Weather Memo

We go outside all winter long, if it is above 15 degrees we will be outside during recess. Please be sure your child has a hat, mittens and warm coat every day. Once the snow falls, please be sure to pack boots as well.

Wish List

- Clorox wipes
- Wrapping paper
 - Bows

