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Toddler/Preschool Newsletter - Fireflies

Ms. Lynsey, Miss Jill, Ms. Francine, Miss Sam & Miss Hayleigh

Dates to Remember



December 25th & 26th - Closed for

Christmas and the day after Christmas

January 1st - Closed for New Years Day

December 6th - Miss Jill Vacation

December 13th & 27th - Amazing Athletes

December 5th & 19th - Music with Ms. Stephanie

December 22nd - CLASSROOM PAJAMA DAY

December 25th - Christmas Day

December 27th, 28th, 29th - Ms. Lynsey on Vacation

December 29th - Center pajama Day

January 1st - Closed for New Years

Themes:

December 4th ~ 8th ... Holidays around the world

December 11th ~ 15th ... Holidays around the world

December 18th ~ 22nd ... Holidays around the world

(Friday 22nd CLASSROOM PJ DAY)

December 25th ~ 29th ... Wacky New Year's Fun

We are always here for you!

Please feel free to call us during rest time between 1:30 and 2:30, we would love to tell you how your child's day is going or answer any questions you have!



Seasonal Clothing...



Winter is here, so please make sure that you continue to supply appropriate clothing for the cold weather. We need hats, mittens, and warm coats for the playground.



Reminders



- * Please remember to check your child's mailbox for their daily sheets and important classroom/center information
- * Our weekly curriculum is posted on the bulletin board if you would like to take a peek!
- * CLASSROOM PAJAMA DAY FRIDAY 22ND
- * Center Wide Pajama Day Friday 29th

Fireflies Wish List

Seasonal foam Stickers

Clorox wipes

Playdoh

Seasonal decorations



The first 3 weeks of December we will be talking about all of the different holidays around the world. During these two weeks we will incorporate holidays from different countries, as well as, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas. We will then be * creating artwork from memory or imagination to add to our portfolios and to display in the classroom. We will also be singing crazy, wacky songs that Ms. Lynsey loves to sing, we will be able to *Listen to, recite, sing, and dramatize a variety of age-appropriate literature. If you would like a copy of the songs we sing please let us know and we will print you out a copy!



The fourth week of December we are going to discuss some Wacky New Years Fun! This week we are going to talk about all the things that we can eat, things we celebrate, things that we say, and things that we will see on New Year's Day. We will practice our New Years eve countdowns, and pretend to be the ball dropping. This week gives us the opportunity to *Discuss nutrition & snacks and the difference between healthy Vs junk food. We will make a list of things that we will eat at our New Year's celebrations, what we should eat instead of junk food, and what tastes better. Our artwork will consist of decorating the numbers 2017 and creating our own noisemakers and New Year wands.



We hope you have a wonderful Holiday season and a very happy new year!

Ms. Lynsey, Ms. Fran & Miss Jill

Toddler/Preschool Curriculum Month of: December Theme: Newsletter

	12/5-12/9 Holidays around The World	12/12-12/16 Holidays around the World	12/19-12/23 Holidays around the World	12/26-12/30 Wacky New year Celebrations
English Language Arts <i>Language Development</i>	Read: <u>Holidays around the world</u>	Sing: “La Befana” Italian Holiday Tradition	Read: <u>The Hanukkah Bear</u>	Read: <u>The Night before New Year’s Eve</u>
Math -Numbers -Shape, Patterns, measurement <i>Cognitive Development</i>	How many days till... Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa	Count the petals on the Poinsettia and work on Sequencing	Count The candles on a Menorah & Kinnara	Practice New Years Countdown
Science/Technology/ Engineering -Inquiry Skills -Earth, Space, Physics,& Life Sciences <i>Cognitive Development</i>	What are some different traditional decorations for various holidays?	Where on the map are these countries? Italy, Mexico, Portugal	Make Potato Latkes Mix ingredients	Practice some New Years countdown while being the ball
History& Social Sciences <i>Cognitive Development</i>	What are Holidays we celebrate?	Practice saying Happy Holidays/ merry Christmas in other Languages	Talk about the rules of lighting the candles	Have you watched the ball drop?
Health Education <i>Physical Health & Wellbeing Social/Emotional Development</i>	Music with Ms. Stephanie	Dance to music from Various Countries	Do you light the candles or does mommy and daddy	Talk about the healthy foods you can eat for your party
The Arts <i>Cognitive Development</i>	Create Candle Holder with Holly & Berries	Decorate Fabric for La Befana scarves Create Sequencing Poinsettias	Make your own Menorah and Kinnara	Make New Year hats Decorate “2018” #'s
Preschool D.O.E.	<u>*Talk about how people can be helpful or hurtful to one another</u>	<u>*Discuss nutrition & snacks and the difference between healthy Vs junk food</u>	<u>*Experiment with the use of texture in artwork</u>	<u>*Observe some U.S National Holidays and discuss how & why we celebrate them</u>
<i>Infant/Toddler Guideline</i>	<u>*The young toddler is responsive to playing next to and with other children</u>	<u>*The older toddler follows the directions of Adults</u>	<u>*The young toddler begins to express their likes and dislikes</u>	<u>*The older toddler begins to investigate the reasons why something unexpected happens</u>

Activities with an * correspond with the Department of Education Guideline for that day. Children participate at their own will.