

Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter

December 2017



Themes:

Nov. 27th-Dec. 1st: Gingerbread Galore

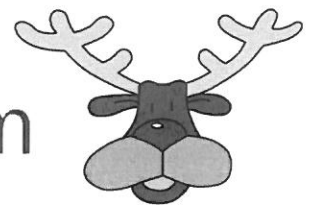
Dec. 4th-8th: Reindeer Fun

Dec. 11th-15th: Holiday Fun

Dec. 18th-22nd: Christmas Time

Dec. 25th-29th: New Year's

Letters W, E & D



The Chipmunk Classroom

Gingerbread Galore: Letter W

Oh, do you know the Gingerbread Man? This week the children will be exploring with their senses. They will be smelling, tasting and touching gingerbread! We will be creating our own gingerbread story, paper gingerbread houses, gingerbread paper people, gingerbread heads, painting with gingerbread cookie cutters and making real gingerbread cookies. We will be reading, *Gingerbread Friends*, *Gingerbread Girl*, *Gingerbread Pirates*, *Gingerbread Cowboy* and *Gingerbread Man* and some other stories and silly songs. We will also be introducing the letter W this week too! **The children will be developing familiarity with the forms of alphabet letters, awareness of print and letter forms.**

Reindeer Fun: Letter E

Reindeer are just so cute! We get to spend a whole week talking and learning about them! The children will be pretending to run and leap like a reindeer. We will be playing some reindeer games with our classmates. Some of the art activities that we will be doing are a super fun activity with your white shirt (due 12/1), reindeer headbands, square reindeers, and make yummy reindeer food jars to feed those busy and very hungry reindeer! We will be learning some reindeer songs and read some mischievous stories about some of those reindeer! The letter E will be introduced this week, those Chipmunks are hard at work thinking of their letter of the week words each and every month, and practicing their writing skills! Keep up the great work Chipmunks! **The children continue to strengthen their hand grasp and flexibility while using different writing tools.**

Holiday Fun and Christmas Time: Letter D

The children will be learning about different holiday's that are celebrated in the month of December. We will be working on our special gift to our families.....shhh....its a surprise. Hanukkah begins on December 12th and the children will be creating Menorahs, Dreidels, and cooking up some Potato Latkes, yummy! For Kwanzaa the children will create Kwanzaa necklaces. We will be reading Hanukkah and Kwanzaa stories. If you would like to come in to talk to the Pre-K class about some of your traditions that you share with your families, please feel free to let us know and come on in! We will be reading *Seven Candles for Kwanzaa* and *Our Eight Nights of Hanukkah*. Christmas time is a fun time and the children will be creating a name tree, holiday ornaments, triangle Santas, santa paintings, and other fun activities! We will also be reading some fun Christmas stories and singing some Christmas songs to bring in the holiday season!

Happy New Year! Review our letters Wow, can you believe that 2017 is ending on Sunday 12/31 and 2018 will be on Monday, January 1st! Wow, all of the fun things that we have learned already and so much more to come in the upcoming new year! But this week we will be creating a Welcome 2018 sign, make fun party hats and New Year clocks. The children will be **playing instruments using different beats, tempos, and dynamics**. Let the celebration and fun times begin! PJ and Movie Day will be on Friday 12/29 which is center wide!

Italics: Department of Education Standards

Big Thank you's to our families this month:

Jack-paperbags, ginger and nutmeg

Jax-paperbags, ginger, and nutmeg

Jacob-paperbags Zachary-newspaper

We want to also thank all of the families who donated to our cooking week. The children had so much fun being chefs for the week! Thank you also for the extra cans, and donations made to our fall parties! So greatly appreciated!

Important Dates:

Dec. 1st: White t-shirt/or long sleeve shirt due

Dec. 12th: Hanukkah begins

Dec. 20th: Elena's Birthday!

Dec. 21st: 1st Day of Winter

Dec. 24th: Ms. Amy's Birthday!

Dec 24th: Christmas Eve

Dec. 25th and 26th: Christmas Day and day after closed

Dec. 26th: Kwanzaa begins

Dec. 29th: Center Wide PJ and Movie Day

Dec 31st: New Year's Eve!

Jan. 1: Happy New Year 2018!

ASQ Assessment reminder: Please return your child's ASQ copy to their teachers if you haven't yet. It is greatly appreciated and so helpful to us when we're assessing the children. If you have any questions about the ASQ's and assessments, please see us. Thank you so much!



Wish List:

~potato latke mix & jar of applesauce

~poinsettia

~wrapping paper, curling ribbon, Holiday decor

~please bring in a white shirt/and extras by 12/1

~empty plastic water bottles

~red and white beads ~cotton balls

~empty baby food jars

~white metallic markers

~scotch tape refills

~wax paper

~sandwich bags

As always, thank you so much for your kind donations!

Important Reminder about outdoor play:

Winter is just about here! The air is beginning to get that chill and that means that snow is just around the corner! Please check your child's extra clothes bin if it needs to be replenished with 2 pairs of pants, shirts, underwear and socks. Once the snowy days do arrive please bring in a pair of snow boots, snow pants, hats and waterproof gloves/mittens! Please label everything so it will always get back to their rightful owner! Thank you so much!

If you have any questions, always feel free to please see a teacher.

Thank you,

Ms. Susana, Ms. Amy, and Ms. Tiffany

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families from the Chipmunk Pre-K classroom! Wishing you many wonderful things to come in the year 2018!