



Artwork by Ajay

Primary 1
November 30, 2011

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

The Pow Wow was a great way to kick off the break. The children were very excited and proud to perform for you! Thank you to the Friends of Country Day and the parent volunteers for providing such a delicious feast. Special thanks to Mrs. Bossa, we appreciate her dedication to teaching the children and teachers sign language.

During this holiday season as we study geography we will learn about holiday customs from around the world such as the Mexican Posada, Eid, the Christmas Story, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. We welcome parents to the classroom to share your holiday and cultural traditions. Please email Mrs. Elliott at lelliott@countrydaylargo.com if you are interested.

Our Parent Education Series continues tonight with Montessori Math (primary level). Please consider attending and learn about the wonderful Montessori manipulatives used everyday in the classroom to teach concrete math concepts. Hope to see you there 7pm tonight in Primary 3.

The 4th annual primary book drive, "**Book for a Friend!**" will be December 8th. We would like to embrace the gift of giving by giving a book to a child in need. A book is a treasure, especially to a child who doesn't own one. The children will make bookmarks to go in the books in class. Please buy a book for a friend in need. It will be the share for the Thursday the 8th.

We will kick off our Winter break with a **P1 Winter Party** at the Seminole Recreation Center on Friday, Dec.16th. Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Manfrey (Avery's mom) and Mary Torok (Emmet's mom) for organizing what is sure to be a wonderful day. Food and helpers are needed! Please email room parents Jennifer Manfrey jmanfrey@tampabay.rr.com or Mary Torok marytmenendez@yahoo.com to contribute or volunteer for the party. Please arrive by 9am so we can leave promptly for the party. If your child will not be attending or needs a ride please let the teachers know ASAP by registering online, so we are not waiting for you. We will return to school by noon for 1/2 day dismissal. Please use the **online permission slip** to sign up for the **P2 Winter party**. Even if you are driving your own child, we are required to have a permission slip. Permission slips are on the parent homepage at www.countrydaylargo.com

Happy Birthday to Hayden (5) and Zaydan (4) who both celebrated this month!
Congratulations to Ashton, who became a big brother to his new baby sister, Isobel!

Welcome new students to P1, Jayla (3), Cecelia (3), Quinn (3) and Amy (3)!

Thank you to:

- Emmet's dad, Mr. Menendez, for coming in dressed in full firefighter gear to discuss fire safety with the children!
- Hayden's family for the donation of new letter and number work for the class!
- Zaydan's family for the donation of new glass pouring pitchers!
- Ajay's family for donating 5 new books to our classroom library!
- Our wonderful lunch parents, we are always grateful for your assistance!
- All the families that help provide our children with enjoyable and healthy snacks.

Children's Line: *(please choose small items or a picture, place in a bag with your child's name)*

Thursday, Dec. 1st – Something quiet or loud *(not too loud please)*.

Thursday, Dec. 8th – Book donation (book drive).

Thursday, Dec. 15th – A baby picture. (where you were born).

Thursday, Jan. 5th - Something that helps me feel peaceful/relax.

Important Dates:

Friday, Dec.16th – Winter Party at Seminole Rec. Center - **Half Day Dismissal (camp available)**

Monday, Dec. 19th - Friday, Dec. 30th – **Winter Break - No School**

Monday, Jan. 2 – Classes Resume

Sincerely,

Lisa Elliott, Linda Gerwig, Kim Bergamo and Joanne Bossa

"Our children do not need any more possessions to be happy; they need only to feel sure that they possess our hearts, our attention and our acceptance of who they are."

- Katrina Kenison