



Artwork by Sydney

Country Day School
Pre-Primary Newsletter December 2011

Dear Parents,

December will find our little ones exploring the many sights, sounds and smells of the holiday season. We will be ringing bells, spinning dreidels, reading stories and singing songs related to the season. We will be reading "**The Gingerbread Boy**" and making yummy gingerbread cookies. Some of the work on our shelf this month will include gluing pompoms on evergreen trees, stamping trees with ornament stamps, gluing collage material on stockings and painting dreidels on our easel. The art area continues to be very popular with our little ones and reinforces their developing of their fine motor skills.

Thanks: Thank you to all who continue to provide snacks for the children. It is the most popular piece of work that we have in the classroom. They continue to enjoy all the healthy snacks that are provided.

Our Thanksgiving Gathering was a wonderful success. Our little ones are just learning about family traditions and rituals. Some of their fondest memories of childhood will reflect family gatherings at the holiday times. Although our Pre-Primary students do not yet understand the true meaning of these special days, they are learning about caring and sharing with others while observing our actions as adults. Our classroom routine for the holiday will continue to be “to keep it simple”. Our little ones function best when kept to their normal routines as much as possible.

Mark your Calendar: The children are very excited about sharing a few of their favorite songs. Please join us on Wednesday, December 14th in our classroom for our “Winter Party”. Enjoy songs, crafts and food. More details to follow.

Reminders:

Wed. Dec 14- 11:00 am Pre-Primary Winter Party

Fri. Dec 16 - 11:45 – 12:00pm Half-day dismissal Professional Development Day

(Day camp available thru online sign-up)

Mon. Dec 19 - Tue Dec 20th -Day Camp available (Online sign-up)

Mon. Dec 19 - Jan 2, 2012 No School: Winter Break

Tue. Jan 3 - School Resumes

Mon. Jan 16 - No School- MLK Holiday

Now that the weather is getting colder, please dress your child with warmer clothing. Also, please send in an additional change of clothing (weather appropriate).

Whatever your beliefs may be, we hope that you and your families have a wonderful holiday season and we are thankful for the privilege of watching your children grow.

Sincerely,

Ms. Hammock, Mrs. Pier, Mrs. Avila