

Primary 1
December 14, 2011

Artwork by Lily



Dear Parents,

We will kick off our Winter Break with a Winter Party at the Seminole Recreation Center this Friday, Dec.16th! Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Manfrey (Lily'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 on 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.

Living in Florida we never know what the weather is going to do one minute to the next this time of year. Please be sure that the extra clothing we have for your child will be suitable for cooler weather. Also please to put your child's name on all sweat shirts and jackets, we all shop at the same stores and mix-ups can happen easily.

Make it your New Year's resolution to be on time to school. Arrival time is 8:45am to 9:00am. It makes it difficult for us to get started when so many are still arriving at 9:15 and 9:20. Your child is then out of sync with the rest of the children. It is important for them to have that outside time to socialize and greet their friends before we enter the classroom.

Happy Birthday to Avery (6) who celebrated this month!

Oops! I made a mistake, that's ok...as we tell the children, it is how we learn. In this case I learned to double-check my calendars. ☺ Our Winter Break includes **Monday, January 2nd; there will be no school on this day.** School will resume Tuesday, January 3rd.

Thank you to:

- For all of the wonderful book donations for our **Book for a Friend** share. These books will be going to the Help a Child organization where foster parents can go and choose gifts for the children in their care.
- Zaydan's mom for coming into class to share the holiday of Eid with us!
- Lavi's mom for sharing the holiday of Hanukah with us!
- Ajay's family for donating MORE 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, Jan. 5th - Something that helps me feel peaceful/relax.

Thursday, Jan. 12th - small, medium or large (same object, 2 or 3 sizes)

Thursday, Jan. 19th - Vertebrates (mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian or fish).

Thursday, Jan. 26th - Something about space/planets.

Important Dates:

Friday, Dec.16th -Winter Party at Seminole Rec. Center

Monday, Dec. 19th - Monday, Jan. 2nd - **Winter Break - No School**

Tuesday, January 3rd - School Resumes

Being it is the holiday season we are repeating last month's quote:

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

- Katrina Kenison

Sincerely,

The P1 Team,

Lisa Elliott, Linda Gerwig, Kim Bergamo and Joanne Bossa

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!