



## Happy December Preschool Families!

### November Review

In early November the preschoolers learned about **community helpers**, their jobs, and their various contributions to people. The children dressed up in fire person gear and “extinguished fires”, additionally they dressed up in mail person uniforms and they created and delivered mail to one another. We encouraged the preschoolers to consider the many ways that they contribute to their classroom community and discussed how their similarities and **unique selves** equally create a wonderful team. Mrs. Gauvin's high school student teachers enhanced the preschoolers' learning through a variety of readings and discussions covering the topic of honoring their unique selves.



We had fun with **farm animals** and discovered how animals and farms contribute to some of the nutritious foods that we eat each day. The preschoolers also enjoyed learning all about food groups in November. We discussed, illustrated, and many of us sampled **the five food groups** during lunch, and created a food group plate. Our dramatic play area was transformed into a grocery store in which preschoolers shopped for groceries, “cooked” food, and used the cash register to “charge” one another for many items within the different food groups. We also enjoyed thinking about and acknowledging what it means to be **thankful** and discussed and illustrated items and people who are important to us. We hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!



### Upcoming in December

We commend the preschoolers for their continued energy and excitement for learning! We have started the month working with **trains** as our block center has transformed into a train station, with train tracks, traffic signs, magnetic trains, and people from around the world. We will continue to learn all about **transportation, trucks, and simple machines** throughout the month.



Our dramatic play area is now a **gingerbread** cookie cafe in which preschoolers can “bake” various felt cookies and reenact the sequence of the classic tale for the month, The Gingerbread Baby by Jan Brett and a few other versions of this holiday tale. We will celebrate the **holiday season** by learning about the various holidays that fall within the month of December. The preschoolers will share about and illustrate the holiday or holidays that their **family** celebrates, as well as some of the **traditions** that they enjoy during the holiday season.

As the **winter** approaches we will discover how our environment is changing and how people are adapting to the colder weather. We will learn about **liquids and solids** and about things that freeze. Our Monday class already found an **icicle** on the playground! We thoroughly



enjoyed bringing it into the classroom for observation!



## General Announcements

- We will celebrate the holiday season with a **Pajama Day** on Thursday December 22 and Friday December 23. Children that come to school every day are welcome to wear pajamas both days. (please wear regular shoes as we plan on going outside both days)
- **Friday December 23rd is a half day for all students.** The preschoolers will all be dismissed at the back circle at 12:00 that day.
- **School Vacation** is Monday, December 26th-Monday, January 2nd.
- Conferences will be scheduled upon return from school vacation, and will be held in January.
- The **December Calendar** for **Helper of the Day** has been sent home in backpacks, the preschoolers are doing an excellent job as leaders in the classroom!

Thank you for sharing your preschoolers with us! We hope that they have a magical holiday with family and friends!



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