



December News  
Miss Ashley, Miss Becky

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful November discussing Thanksgiving. As hard as it is to believe, the holiday season is fast approaching.

Our theme will be Christmas for the entire month of December. The children will learn the colors, and symbols that are associated with the Christmas season. The children will also be busy making Christmas gifts and wrapping paper, singing favorite Christmas songs, and talking about the birth of Christ. We are also finishing up our color of the week concept and moving right along with shapes. While we talk about shapes regularly, we will focus on a specific shape each week, and you will see that reflected in the crafts that we do. It will be a wonderfully busy time in our classroom.

As the weather gets colder, please be sure that your child is dressed warmly to go outside and has hats, mittens, or gloves. We try to take the children out every day. At the same time, our classroom tends to be very much on the warm side. We highly recommend that you dress your child in layers.

We hope that you can all join us for our Christmas program on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a brief program at the beginning of our school day led by Pastor Pat. It is very low key, and definitely a Kodak moment ☺.

At home, music and singing are wonderful ways to communicate our feelings, and we often have many feelings this time of year! The following, are just a few of the Christmas songs we will be working on in class.

### **Up On The Housetop**

Up on the housetop, reindeer pause. (Make housetop with hands)

Out jumps good old Santa Clause. (jump up)

Down through the chimney with lots of toys

All for the little ones Christmas joys. (rub hands together)

HoHoHo! (make "big tummy" with hands) Who wouldn't go? (Hold hands out)

HoHoHo! Who wouldn't go-o?

Up on the housetop, (make housetop with hands) click, click, click. (clap hands)

Down through the chimney with good St. Nick



**Away in the Manger**

Away in the manger, no crib for a bed. (rock the baby)

The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head. (lay head down like sleeping)

The stars in the sky look down where he lay. (“twinkle stars” with fingers up high)

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. (lay head down like sleeping)

**Jingle Bells (Use jingle bells)**

Dashing through the snow

In a one horse open sleigh

O'er the fields we go

Laughing all the way

Bells on bob tails ring

Making spirits bright

What fun it is to laugh and sing

A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells

Jingle all the way

Oh, what fun it is to ride

In a one horse open sleigh

Jingle bells, jingle bells

Jingle all the way

Oh, what fun it is to ride

In a one horse open sleigh

Have a wonderful and blessed December!

Miss Ashley and Miss Becky

Dates to remember: December 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas program and last day before Christmas  
break