

December News from Miss Cathy and Miss Jean

Thank you to all who contributed to our Charlie Brown-inspired Thanksgiving feast. It is a great culmination to our November discussions about the Pilgrims and the Native American Indians and what a fun time to get together with our friends in the other classes. Also, did the children tell you about our classroom 'campfire' popcorn and about all the mischief Johnny B (the little Pilgrim boy) had gotten himself into?

We hope everyone who attended VIP Night had a good time. The turkey windsocks were great(!) and in class we enjoyed hearing the answers to our Counting Jar, Estimating, and Pumpkin weight questions. Thank you for taking the time.

Now we will try to keep things calm and peaceful in the classroom as we begin our preparations for one of the holiest but most hectic and exciting holidays. We will continue with Alphabet Show and Tell with one change – letters 'J' and 'K' are on Thursdays and the letter 'L' will be on Wednesday the 14th because of our **Christmas Program on Thursday the 15th**, which is also our last day of class before the holiday break. Our unrehearsed program (a true photo op) will begin at 9:15 a.m. for the morning class and 12:45 p.m. for the afternoon class in Fellowship Hall.

In our Writing Center the children will have the opportunity to make cards for their family and friends. This gives them more time to practice writing and cutting with scissors which are kindergarten readiness skills.

We will be learning new holiday songs as well as singing some familiar favorites so here are a couple for your listening and singing enjoyment.

'Away in the Manger' (we will need your help singing this at our program on Thursday, December 15th)

Away in the manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

S-A-N-T-A (sung to Bingo)
There is a jolly, jolly man
And Santa is his name-o,
S-A-N-T-A, S-A-N-T-A, S-A-N-T-A
And Santa is his name-o.

Thank you for sharing your precious children with us. We wish you and your families a wonderful, peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year filled with joy!

**Warning:
We will be
using glitter
this month.**