



DECEMBER NEWS

MISS SUE MISS JULIE MISS BECKY

November was filled with discussions of Thanksgiving and families. We enjoyed all of the pictures the children brought in: everyone did a fantastic job sharing for the first time. Both of our Charlie Brown Feasts were a huge success. The children really enjoyed being Pilgrims for a day! Thank you for all of the contributions to our feast, we could not do it without the support of our parents.

December will be a month filled with many kinds of Christmas fun. We will begin discussing shapes, the triangle and star fit right into our Christmas activities. We will be creating a special gift for parents' right after the Thanksgiving break. Please let us know if you plan to be out of town the last week of school (before the holiday break) so that we can be sure that you receive a very special "handmade" surprise.

We will continue to have scissors out every day: handling scissors is a new experience for many of the children. We talk about how to safely use the scissors and practice snipping pieces of paper. This activity is great for small muscle development. If you do not already have a pair of scissors for your child to use at home, now would be a great time to purchase them.

The week of December 4th is sharing week. This month we will be sharing something that each family uses to celebrate the holidays. Please check the calendar for your child's day to share. One item per child is all that we have time for; this ensures that each child will have the full attention of all of their classmates.

The Christmas program for the M/W class will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 11:00a.m.. We will sing several songs and finger plays followed by the story of the first Christmas. The T/Th class will have a program on Thursday December 15th. This program for the whole school, is led by Pastor Pat and begins shortly after the children arrive at school. Both of these programs provide a wonderful holiday experience for the children. We hope that you are able to attend!

We will continue to go outside when the weather permits, thank you for sending your children with hats, and mittens. Our outside time is 10:30 so it can be a bit chilly, especially on windy days.

Some songs and fingerplays we will be learning this month:

IN THE CHRISTMAS TREE
(Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")
David Cooper & Lynn Taylor
Way up in the Christmas Tree
Two little candy canes
Smiled at me!

I'M A LITTLE REINDEER
(Tune: I'm a little teapot)
I'm a little reindeer, ready to fly
I'll pull Santa's sleigh up in the sky
Christmas is here: we can't be late
All the children just cannot wait!

I shook that tree
Just as hard as I could
Down came the candy canes
mmm.....they were good!

Wishing you a holiday season filled with love and joy!

Important Dates:

Sharing Week: December 4th

Christmas Program: M/W December 14th Time: 11:00 a.m.

T/Th December 15th Time: shortly after children arrive for the day