

December 2018 Newsletter

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Lake Harriet Preschool



December is here and the holiday season is upon us! I hope you all had a relaxing Thanksgiving break and spent quality time with family and friends.

Friendships are forming each day and the children are having a great time playing with their friends. I have seen growth in verbal skills and following directions. The children are very comfortable in the room and the transitions have been easy. They enjoy learning new skills each week; such as using scissors and glue, recognizing shapes, letters and colors and much more. It is fun to watch the kids grow and develop!

THANK YOU to the volunteers that came for the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving. The children had fun watching the movie and having the feast with their friends!

Winter gear

You may send your preschooler right into the classroom with all of their gear on. Getting snow clothes off and on are BIG skills that we are working on. Also, have your child practice putting on their own shoes ☺ Please send snow pants, jacket, boots, hats and mittens and SHOES each school day.

December Theme - Fairy Tales

During the month of December, the theme will be reading and retelling fairy tales. Fairy tales teach young children many things:

- Setting, characters and plot
- Fiction vs. non-fiction
- Beginning, middle and the end

They also show kids how to handle problems, build emotional resiliency, develop imagination and teach lessons. But one of the most important things reading fairy tales to young children can do is give us opportunities to teach critical thinking skills. It's going to be a fun month!

Letters of the Alphabet

We will be exploring letters of the alphabet throughout the year. We will practice learning the names and sounds of the letters. Then we will find and talk about the letters around us in our classroom. In December we will introduce letter names and sounds for **Cc**, **Ff** and **Oo**.

Sharing (Show and Tell)

Sharing Day is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5. Our theme will be *Winter Holiday*. Your child can choose to bring in something special to share about a winter holiday your family celebrates. Your child should be prepared to tell us about the item and how it relates to a favorite winter holiday.

Snack schedule

The snack schedules for December and January for our classroom are updated on the preschool website. Thanks for providing healthy snack options for the preschoolers.

Important dates

December 5 Sharing day (show and tell) – Winter Holiday theme

December 24 - January 3 No School

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at:

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Wishing you and your family a wonderful winter break!

See you back at school on **January 7**.

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