

December Newsletter

Room 106



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 BLAST playing with their friends. I have seen such a growth in verbal skills and following directions. The children are very comfortable in the room and the transitions are on their way to becoming second nature. The children enjoy learning new skills each week; such as using scissors and glue, recognizing shapes, letters and colors and much more! It is so fun to watch the kids grow and develop!

THANK YOU to the volunteers that came for the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving! The children had so much singing with Miss Shari at The Waters, watching Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving and feasting with their friends!

The theme this month is **reading 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 resilience, 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!

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. Thanks!

Show and Tell:

This month show and tell will follow a different format. **Please have your child bring one of their favorite stories (it does not have to be a fairy tale) on the day they bring snack to share with the class.** We will practice saying the title, author and illustrator of the book. We will also practice saying, "I like this story because_____."

Volunteer Opportunities:

Gingerbread Hunt December 20th

Birthday Celebrations:

Happy 1/2 Birthday to Adelyn this month!

There will be *NO SCHOOL from December 24 - January 3* for winter break. We will resume classes on *Monday, January 7.*

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

~Ms. Higgins

Upcoming field trip dates

Thursday, January 17 -- The Works
Monday, March 25 -- Bell Museum