



## December News - Room 102

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December is here and the festive season is upon us!

Friendships are forming each day and children are having a great time playing together. I have seen growth in verbal skills and following directions. Children are very comfortable in the classroom and transitions have been easy. They enjoy learning new skills each week such as squeezing glue bottles, exploring paint, and learning songs. It is a joy to watch the cohesion among our class take shape!!!

### Important Dates

December 3rd: T-shirt Tuesday

December 16th-19th: Gingerbread Week

December 19th: Decorate Gingerbread Cookies (Volunteers Welcome)

**December 23rd-Jan 3: Winter break**

**SOS Days Dec 23,24 & Jan 2,3**

### December Learning Themes:

*Fantastic Fairy Tales and Gingerbread Fun!*

In December, our learning theme will be reading and retelling fairy tales. Fairy tales teach young children many things including:

- Setting, characters, and plot
- Fiction vs. nonfiction
- Beginning, middle, and end



They also show children how to handle problems, build emotional resilience, develop imagination, and teach lessons. Fairy tales give us opportunities to teach critical thinking skills to young children. It's going to be a fun month!

### Winter Outerwear

Getting snow clothes off and on are BIG skills that we are working on. Please send labeled outerwear each day and, if you are able, please leave a pair of easy on/easy off shoes in your child's school cubby so they have shoes for playing in the Muscle Room. I am truly amazed at how well some of the children already are at getting dressed to go outside on their own!

It's important for preschoolers to understand the **order we put on winter clothing**. We try to do each step **together** as a class:

*Remove shoes*

- Snow pants
- Boots
- Coat (the magic preschool flip!) *Try to zip 3x; ask for help if needed*
- Hat
- Scarf/cowl/neck warmer tucked into coat
- Mittens/gloves

### Contact Me

What a treat it was to meet with each of you at conferences. Thanks to all who were able to attend. It's always nice to have the opportunity to meet and talk about your child! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My email address is:

sschubloom@lakeharrietumpreschool.org and I can also be contacted through brightwheel. ~Suzy