

## December Newsletter

Room 102



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.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to meet with you for fall conferences. It is always great to connect with all of you and chat about your child's progress in school. I feel that they are all adjusting so well. 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.

This month the focus is on Fairy Tales. We will focus on three stories: Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and The Gingerbread man. 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 tale to your children can do is give us opportunities to teach critical thinking skills. It's going to be a fun month.

## Winter Gear

Please send your child everyday with snow pants, jacket, boots, hat, mittens, and shoes to wear in the classroom. Children can leave a pair of shoes at school for school shoes. Practice at home putting on winter gear. Thanks!

## Sharing Bag

The children are enjoying their turns with the sharing bag. Thank you for sending it back the next school day.

## Important Dates:

December 3 – T-shirt Day

December 18 – Happy Birthday Ryan (real birthday December 24)

December 23 – January 3 – Winter Break

January 20 – Martin Luther King Day – no school

**Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.**

**Ms. Sue**