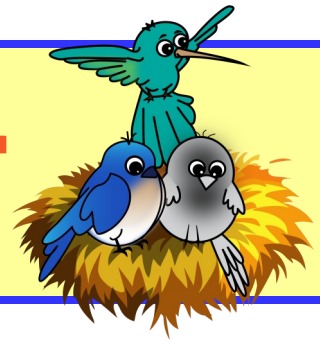


December



Notes from the Office

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

Health Policy

Just a reminder about our health policy. Children who within the previous 48 hours have shown signs of illness such as elevated temperature, acute cold, heavy nasal discharge, constant cough, vomiting or diarrhea cannot be accepted into the classroom. This is so important to help keep all of our children and staff well.

Please adhere to this policy.

Advent Ideas Your Family Can Do Together!

- As part of your Advent preparation, have the figures from your nativity journey from room to room on their way to the stable. On Christmas Eve, all the figures arrive at the stable. Then share a birthday cake for Jesus and sing Happy Birthday!
- As you sort ornaments and decorate your tree, talk about where the ornaments came from and their meaning or significance to you.
- Tell the story of Jesus' birth several ways. Read the story, act it out or use the figures from your nativity. Invite your child to tell you the story. Explain the meaning and significance of Christmas using statements such as:
 - When Jesus was a baby, his parents took care of him. He grew bigger just like you.
 - When Jesus was older, he told people the good news about God—that God loves and cares about everyone.
 - Jesus asks us to be good and kind to each other.
 - We celebrate Jesus' birthday—His coming.



Important Dates to Remember

Dec. 10th & 11th	Pajama Days
Dec. 11th	Lock-down Drill
Dec. 16th	Fire Drill
Dec. 16th-17th	Christmas Celebrations in class
Dec. 17th	Tornado Drill
Dec. 18th-Jan. 5th	No School — Christmas Break
Jan. 6th	NEST Reopens

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Quinn J.	1st	Jesus	25th
Thomas M.	9th	Nicholas R.	30th



Hummingbird

Ms. Jenny and Ms. Sara

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break! We are excited about our next few weeks in the classroom and learning about Christmas.

Potty Training

We are so proud of those who have started using the potty this month! What an exciting time. Please help us make this a successful transition by wearing easy up and down pants. The children have a difficult time with zips, snaps, and pants that are too tight.

Please do not rush your child into potty training. Remember, potty training is not a sprint; it is a marathon and every child masters this skill differently. Here at CDO, we believe that it is better to wait to potty train until your child is old enough and ready. Our suggestion is transitioning from diapers to underwear and spending a weekend at home with little or no outings. It will most likely be a weekend with many accidents so be prepared. Whatever approach you take, we are here to support you and your potty training efforts!

Looking Ahead

Our focus in December will be on the birth of Jesus. We will use stories, songs, crafts, and discussion to introduce the true meaning of Christmas. Of course, we will also spend some time talking about Santa and his elves!

We will have pajama days on Wednesday, December 10th and Thursday, December 11th. Your child can wear his/her PJs on the days he/she attends school.

Our Christmas Parties will be on Tuesday, December 16th for our T/TH class and Wednesday, December 17th for our M/W class. We will celebrate all day with our friends in our classroom.

Reminders

- Please make sure that your child's jacket/coat is labeled with first and/or last name. We will label them with masking tape as a gentle reminder.



Ms. Eva and Ms. Marian

We will start talking about Christmas, work on some special projects and have Pajama Day on Thursday, December 11th. Your child can wear his/her PJs on that day.

'Twas the weeks before Christmas and all through
our class,
our boys and girls were getting ready to have a
blast.
December brings our Christmas tree,
oh how happy we will be.
We practice our songs to sing;
our colors are red and green!
We'll cut and paste and glitter and glue,
and talk about Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus too!
Angels, wreaths and trees we'll make,
and Jesus' birthday we will celebrate!

We wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas!

December Theme

Christmas

Monthly Bible Verse

"For unto us a Child is born"

— Isaiah 9:6

Monthly Life Lesson

If you want something that someone else has, ask
"Please may I."

Books We Are Reading

"The First Night"

"This is the Stable"

"A Star So Bright"

"Christmas Tree!"

"Five Busy Elves"

