

Classroom News 4s

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

The Christmas season is one of my favorite times of the year. We know how quickly the month will go. While the children count down how many days until Christmas we adults count down how many days left to get it all done! With that countdown in mind making advent calendars will be one of our first December projects. We will focus on the nativity story this month and have a lot of fun along the way as we talk and sing about Santa, presents, reindeer and so much more!

Our classroom dramatic play area is always changing. Currently we have a "Neighborhood" in our classroom. Next, we'll transform that community into a bakery. You can further encourage your child's creativity and imagination by engaging your child in reality baking right in your kitchen at home.

Small Group / Center Time

- Paint trees at the easel; coordinating eye-hand movements on a vertical surface.
- Recognize written numbers when applying stickers to countdown Christmas calendars.
- Letters "F" and "G" – big line, little line, big curve, and little line.
- Demonstrate increased precision while cutting stars, hearts and reindeer heads.

Learning Standard Highlight

This month I will mention a few of the ways cognitive development is part of our morning meeting. Our calendar # pattern changes each month (AB, ABB, ABC). The children recognize and repeat the pattern and count the days each month. They are learning that the last day counted represents the total # days in the month (cardinality). The children use one-to-one correspondence skills to count friends and identify the #.

Reminders, upcoming events, etc.

- New this month – last name arrival tags. We've been practicing!
- We will continue to play outside in spite of cold weather and snow. Please send hats, mittens, boots and even snow pants to school on fresh snow days.
- Classroom party on December 13th. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon. All parents are invited to join us in our classroom at 11:00 for refreshments.
- Historical New England Christmas field trip on December 4th. Drop off at site.