

# TINY TOTS and LITTLE TYKES inc.

## December 2018 Preschool News



### DEAR PARENTS

**Happy Holidays!** This is such a fun time of year. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable time. Reminder there is NO PRESCHOOL December 24<sup>th</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tuition deduction has already been figured in the master pay schedule. Enjoy your winter break!

### GIFT DONATIONS

**Do you work or have connections to a place that has gift certificates, treats, or gift items?** We are looking for donations for prizes at our staff holiday party. Let us know by Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> if you can help us out with a donation.

### PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

We will be having a holiday celebration on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Check your child's backpack for the invitation flyer for your child's program time.

**THERE IS NO PRESCHOOL CLASS ON THIS DAY!** Space is limited so please invite family members with that in mind. Thank you!

\*Children should be dropped off in the School Age room prior to you finding a seat in the preschool room.

### SANTA IS COMING...SHHH

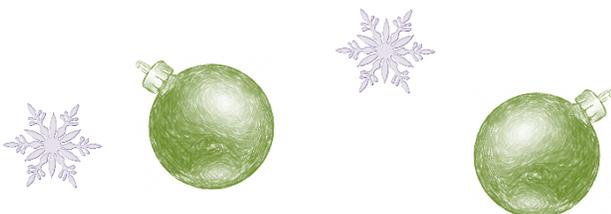
The West St. Paul Police Department will have a Santa come out and visit our classrooms on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> in the morning beginning at 9:30 a.m.

### SUPPORT TINY TOTS WHILE YOU SHOP

**Planning to do some holiday shopping on Amazon?** Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and sign in or create an account the same as you would for amazon.com. There is an option/search where you can put in Tiny Tots & Little Tykes as the organization you would like a portion of your purchase to go to.

### DRESS FOR WEATHER

**Remember to dress your child appropriately for the colder weather.** Children will go outside to play every day that the temperature is above 0° and there are no warnings. Going outside when properly dressed is very healthy for the children. If you feel your child is too ill to go outside, they are too ill to be at school.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

This month our book orders will be due on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember to write a check to *Tiny Tots* for these separate from your tuition.

\*These will make great holiday gifts!



## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you to all for meeting with us for Parent/Teacher conferences. This is an important time for us to discuss goals for the children and how the year is going so far.

## HOMEWORK REMINDER

Reminder to be sure to help your child with their homework for the letter of the week.

## PARENT EDUCATION

Also, be sure to check out the Parent Education section on our website for this month's topic: *"Tips for holidays and parenting: letting joy win over stress."*

## FALL FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who participated in the fall fundraiser! Emily Mather won the \$25.00 tuition credit for selling the most items.



## TYKES CORNER



The holidays are here!

Here are some fun facts and a fun snack recipe you can make with your child(ren) taken from *kidsplayandcreate.com*.

\*The song "Jingle Bells" was written by James Pierpont in 1857. It was originally called "One Horse Open Sleigh" and was made for Thanksgiving.

\*Did you know that tinsel was once made of real silver! It was invented in Germany in 1610.

\*There are 3 towns in the US that are named Santa Claus. One in Georgia, one in Arizona and one in Indiana.

\*Reindeer are also known as Caribou. In Europe they are called Reindeer all the time. America we called them Caribou in the wild and when domesticated we call them Reindeer.

### Reindeer Snack Recipe:



\*Mix together in a bowl: 1 cup bran cereal, 1 cup oats, 1/2 cup raisins, 1/2 cup shredded coconut

\*Add in 1/2 cup of peanut butter. Mix well. Place mixture in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. The mixture will harden a little bit.

\*Take a spoonful of the mixture and roll it into a ball. This will be the reindeer's head.

\*Use the M&M's to make the eyes and nose. You can use red M&M's to make Rudolph.

\*Place 1 pretzel on each side of the reindeer's head to make antlers.

\*Keep your reindeer snacks in the refrigerator until you are ready to eat them.

