



Our Family "Thankful Turkey"

DEAR PARENTS

Happy Holidays! As we prepare for the holidays, we ask that you let the office know if you will be taking time off, so we can properly staff our classrooms during the last week of December and the first week of January. Thank you for your help!

HOLIDAY REMINDER

We close Monday, Dec. 24th at 12:00 p.m. There will be no lunch served this day. We will however have a late morning snack. Also, we are closed Tues., Dec. 25th and Tues., Jan. 1st.

Note: Our policy states there is no deduction in tuition for any holidays.

*Preschool is not in session from December 24th-January 1st. Classes resume Wednesday, January 2nd.

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday season!

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.

ILLNESS REMINDER

Please do not bring a child to childcare if they have: diarrhea, vomited, an undiagnosed rash, difficulty breathing, goopy eye drainage, not much energy and are refusing to eat, complaining they don't feel well or have had a fever of 100° or higher in the last 24 hours. We will send the child home if they have any of these symptoms. When you bring your child to childcare sick it affects your child, the other children, and the staff. Please understand there are times when we will override a doctor's note and still exclude your child if we have many cases of an illness going around. Let's work together to keep everyone as healthy as possible this winter.

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 7th if you can help us out with a donation.

ENRICHMENTS

*MUSIC:

Pat will do a “Fa la la la la” theme for music this month. She will teach the children through singing, playing instruments, and using other items such as beanbags.

¡PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

We will be having a holiday celebration on Friday, December 14th. Check your child’s backpack for invitation flyers with the time for your child. **THERE IS NO PRESCHOOL CLASS ON THIS DAY!**

SANTA IS COMING...SHHH!!!

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

This month our book orders will be due on Wednesday, December 12th.

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

***These will make great holiday gifts!**

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.”

SUPPORT TINY TOTS WHILE YOU SHOP

Planning to do some holiday shopping on Amazon? Go to 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.



Game of Connect Four

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.

