



Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn

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DIRECTORS CORNER

Holidays are a Time for Sharing

It's hard to believe that we are in the midst of the holiday season! Our Thanksgiving festivities were lots of fun! Each classroom celebrated in their own way and had both children and parents involved in creative activities! The Sea Stars did finger painting—how those babies love to get messy! Vanilla Pudding was made in the Clown Fish classroom. The children had fun using a whisk for mixing and, in an "instant", the pudding was ready! The Harp Seals made Pumpkin Drop cookies and worked with play-doh while their cookies were baking!

The Manatees constructed colorful Turkey centerpieces, a wonderful treasure for years to come! The children in the Dolphin classroom baked sugar cookies in the morning and decorated them to look turkeys! The children made placemats and set the table! When their guests arrived, the children enjoyed spending time together with their families, drinking cocoa and eating goodies for snack!

Our curriculum for the month of December is focusing on "The Spirit of the Holiday Season" and "Giving and Sharing". The children will experience the holiday season as they prepare gifts and learn about holiday traditions and cultural celebrations from around the world. The children will gain an understanding of the importance of giving and sharing all year long!

Preparing for the holidays is a wonderful way to reflect on the importance of family and friends! Children especially enjoy the anticipation of family visits, decorating, and creating special treats. This holiday season, we hope to learn more about each other, our new family of friends at school.

We invite you to share something from your culture or a special family tradition. We'd love to have you spend some time in your child's classroom. Feel free to bring in a special recipe to make with the children, or share traditional clothing, stories or music with us! This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate our differences and learn about other cultures and family traditions.

We always try to schedule our special activities so that the majority of parents can attend. We understand that leaving work early or going in late is often a hardship for working parents. We do appreciate your efforts and truly enjoy these gatherings. We wanted to remind you that you are always welcome to spend time with your child and their class.

We would like to invite you to come celebrate with us again on Friday, December 17th from 5:00-6:00. Each class will be celebrating in their classrooms and will be cont'd on page 2

December Babies

Let's all wish our December Babies a very Happy Birthday!

Sea Stars

12/30 Miss Inese

11/24 Miss Patty

Clown Fish I

12/3 Catherine H,

12/18 Miss Desiree



Harp Seals I

12/30 Miss Larissa

If you would like to bring in a snack for your child's birthday, it must be purchased from a store. Unfortunately, due to Health Code Restrictions, we cannot allow home baked items. Please check with your child's teachers for any diet restrictions within their room.

School Vacation Club

We're now registering for Vacation Club for School Age Children, for the week of December 27th to December 30th. Please let your friends and neighbors know, as we are not allowed to distribute flyers at the schools. Thanks!



Holidays are a Time for Sharing - cont'd

sending out formal invites—we just wanted you to save the date!

If you are not able to join us on December 17th, we hope that you can arrange a time that is more convenient for your schedule. You can sign up for a time to visit in your child's classroom. We invite you to share something from your culture or a special family tradition. Feel free to bring in a special recipe to make with the children, or share traditional clothing, stories or music with us! This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate our differences and learn about other cultures and family traditions and we hope that each of you can join us at some point during the month!

Yours in Fun & Learning,



Curriculum Corner

In December, we will be learning about Family Traditions, Giving and Sharing and Cultural Differences.

Sea Stars (6 Weeks to 12 Months)

Last month we celebrated our First Thanksgiving! We had lots of mashed potatoes and a little turkey. We don't have many teeth yet. This month we will explore finger painting with the different colors of the holidays celebrated in December. We started already by making a big snow storm as the background of our bulletin board. We're all working very hard on our developmental goals. We're mastering, grabbing soft rattles and some of us are trying to sit up, but it's really tricky, especially when we try to reach for something. We usually just wobble over. Some of us are crawling and even take steps.

Sea Horses (13-18 Months)/Clown Fish I (18-24 Months)

Miss Karen is on the road to recovery and is expected to be back mid December! As December is here, we will be celebrating the holidays with Kwanzaa, Hanukkuh and Christmas. We will be introducing colors and will be mixing them too! Some other activities will be playing with shaving cream, snowmen and snowflakes too! We will also sponge paint a wreath and glue candles for our Menorah.

Harp Seals I (2 Year Olds)

What a month for the Harp Seals. We welcomed Miss Michelle into the group and we enjoy learning and playing with her. In November we enjoyed looking and chatting about all the pictures everyone brought in.

Children hosted the parents gathering by making cookies. The children are becoming excellent chefs. This month we will explore holidays and family traditions, making snowmen, reindeers and santa's, talking about Hanakkuh, Christmas and Kwanzaa.

Manatees I (3 year olds)

We will sing songs and make decorations and gifts for Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa! It's a wonderful time for us to be Chefs and Bakers too! We'll make gingerbread cookies, latkes and fruit salad. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season. Let the festivities begin!

Dolphins I (4 Year Olds)

Some of our projects include a "Toys for Tots" Box for the center, a snowy collage, a Christmas Ornament, creating a Menorah and Nigerian Oatmeal Box Drums. We are learning the letters D, E and X this month. We are also working on generosity. The class is going to predict how much snowfall we will get this winter. It's going to be a very festive holiday season in the Dolphin Class!

Holiday Closings

Please don't forget that Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn will be closed on Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas Day and Friday, December 31st in observance of New Years Day.

Toys for Tots Toy Drive

Kiddie Academy is sponsoring a holiday toy drive for children within our community. If you would care to donate to this worthy cause, we are collecting new, unwrapped toys or books at our center. The toy drive begins on Monday December 6th and concludes on Monday, December 20th. Toys or books can be dropped in the Toys for Tots box located by the Dolphins Classroom.

Parent Referral Bonus

Don't forget about our Parent Referral Bonus! If you refer a friend who enrolls their child at the Center for Full Time Care, you will receive a FREE WEEK! Thank you to all who have already referred new clients!