

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ROOM 2



Dear Families,

While the weather has shifted with the change of the seasons, the outdoors continues to provide a plethora of learning opportunities. When students engage with nature, they are provided a rich sensory experience; the sight of the trees, the smell of wet leaves, the feel of snow, and a cool breeze blowing on their cheeks. These experiences cannot be replicated without being in nature.

Research shows that connecting to nature has an overall positive impact on development, contributes to creative thinking, improves cognitive abilities, increases physical activity, reduces stress, and improves peer relationships. Our sensory table will continue to be used to bring those outdoor experiences inside. This month we will focus on temperature and seasonal changes. You will see snow and ice activities to explore with natural components of nature.

Our class will also focus on learning primary colors and some basic color mixing in our art areas on top of our holiday art projects and cooking.

Math focus will continue with counting objects, recognition of numerals 1-5, and one to one correspondence.

Language will consist of rich language through songs, fingerplays, and stories. We will be working on them each recognizing their name by sight, simple sequencing, and re-telling stories.

We will have a small celebration on our half day of school, December 20th right before Holiday Break. Parents are welcome to join us in singing Jingle bells and having a small snack from 12-12:30 as you head off for your Holiday!

Spanish: We will work on saying hello, “hola” and red, “rojo”.

Happy Holiday,

Kim and Mia

### IMPORTANT CLASSROOM DATES AND REMINDERS

With the cold winter weather please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for all recess times. We do go outside daily. Snow pants are only needed when there is snow on the ground. It is helpful to label all their belongings (jackets, snow pants, hats, mittens, boots) with their names .

### IMPORTANT ALL SCHOOL DATES AND REMINDERS

December 5th - Kindergarten and Elementary Night - 5:30pm-6:30

December 20th: Classroom Holiday Celebrations \*\*school closes at 12:30pm

December 24th- January 4th: Winter Break - NO SCHOOL