

December is sneaking in. As we move into the Holiday season we will be singing, singing, and singing to bring you a program filled with Holiday cheer.

December Themes include amphibians with a focus on frogs, and we will then hop over to the Northern hemisphere and learn about Europe.

What are the benefits to mixed age groups?

- Peer Learning: Older students can mentor younger ones, reinforcing their knowledge while helping others. This collaborative environment fosters a sense of community and support.
- 2. <u>Social Development:</u> Children learn to interact with peers of varying ages, enhancing their social skills, empathy, and ability to communicate effectively.
- 3. <u>Individualized Learning:</u> Students progress at their own pace, allowing for personalized learning experiences Teachers can tailor instruction to meet the diverse needs of each child.
- 4. <u>Increased Responsibility:</u> Older students often take on the role of leader, which fosters a sense of responsibility and confidence. Younger students benefit from the guidance of their peers.
- 5. <u>Reduced Competition:</u> A mixed-age setting minimizes the pressure of competing and focuses instead on collaboration and collective success, which can lead to a more positive learning environment.
- 6. <u>Broader Perspective:</u> Children are exposed to various viewpoints and experiences, promoting critical thinking and a deeper understanding of concepts. Secret word donut!
- 7. <u>Longer Relationships:</u> Students can build lasting relationships with their peers and teachers, leading to a more supportive and cohesive learning community.

Overall, mixed-age classrooms create a dynamic and inclusive educational experience that benefits all students involved.

<u>Dates to know</u>

December 10 Library Day

December 12 Community Lunch

December 20

Holiday Program, and half day, details to come.

December 23 - January 3 No School

January 6 Back to school

<u>Class Birthdays</u>

December 24
Dot McCain turns 6

Classroom Needs

If you would to bird sit over the Holiday, just let me know. She is very easy and it's a great lesson in responsibly for your child.