



**Mrs. Vaughan / Mrs. Shapiro**  
**Pre-K December Newsletter 2019**

I can't believe it's already December! This will be a fun and hectic month with our Christmas program, all of the preparations, Pajama Day, and the children's excitement about Santa visiting our classroom!

As the days continue to get shorter and the weather gets colder, please do not forget to dress your child appropriately (we will go outside or into the muscle room each day).

This month our classroom will be very busy making Christmas gifts, Christmas crafts and wrapping in "Santa's Workshop."

We will start the month off by talking about the letter Kk and end our short month learning about the letter Ll. Rice will fill our sensory table the first and second week before we start our holiday break. At the Science Center they will be playing with Christmas slime and taking part in a Christmas tree stem challenge using straws and play-doh. They will also be learning about balance by building a Christmas tree out of cups! In the Math Center we will continue measuring, graphing and sorting, however, this month we will be using gumdrops and rainbow rulers to do these fun and important activities! *Less Than Zero*, *Hershey's Chocolate Weights and Measures* and *The Great Graph Contest* are our Math books of the month. The children will also play some gingerbread and Christmas path counting games. We will explore the numbers 11 and 12. Our Dramatic Play area will become Santa's Workshop where the children can wrap gifts. In our art area, we will be making many Christmas themed crafts like stockings, ornaments, candy canes, wreaths and Christmas trees. At our writing center, I am encouraging the children to write holiday cards. **(We are looking for donations of any extra pads of paper (any type), Christmas stickers, holiday**

**wrapping paper and scotch tape. Lots and lots of tape!!!)** They will also be practicing making letters/words in sand and X-mas sprinkles.

Please look for our volunteer sign-ups outside of our classroom!

Star of the Week: Dec. 2-5 Bennett Maynard and Aiden Ward

December Birthdays: Aiden Ward 12/10 and Emmit Hall 12/31

Our Christmas party will be on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The AM class party will be from 10:00-11:00. The PM party will be from 1:30-2:30. Santa will also visit our classroom on this day!

We will continue to practice for our Christmas program daily. If your child has a line in the play, please practice with them each day. The Children are singing Away in the Manger, Joy to the World, We Three Kings and Silent Night. Feel free to sing these songs at home with your child.

At this time, we want to wish each of you a very Blessed and Joyous Christmas and please remember if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask!

**Special Reminders:**

Christmas Program (AM)- Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

Christmas Program (PM)-Wednesday, December, 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

Pajama Day, Santa's visit and Christmas party- December 12<sup>th</sup>

School resumes – Friday, January 3rd

All children may bring in show and tell on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

