

Discovering Me MONTHLY TIDBITS

2023

DECEMBER



Dear Parents,

We hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving. Now it's on to our Winter Holidays –Hanukkah, Christmas, & Kwanzaa. That means there's lots of seasonal festivities and fun in our classroom!

This month will be an exciting time for your child. During the coming weeks, we will continue our **number lessons**; learn about **customs and traditions of holiday celebrations** as well as the **start of winter**. Your child will bring home projects, crafts, decorations and wonderful stories to share with you. Don't forget to ask your child about **Science Fridays**.

You can continue your child's learning fun at home by:

- Sharing with your child holiday traditions that are unique to your family
- Helping your child to make holiday decorations and/or baking with your child
- Reading holiday and "wintertime" books with your child

We go outdoors even in the cold so please dress your children accordingly. Jeans or sweatpants, sneakers or rubber soled shoes and of course hats, jackets and gloves.

The drawing for our 2023 Holiday Raffle will be held on Thursday, December 14th at our Holiday Jingle Mingle so be sure to return your raffle stubs and money by Monday, December 11th. Good Luck to All and we hope to see everyone at our Jingle Mingle on Thursday, December 14th.

If you have not registered your child as of yet, space for September 2024 is becoming limited so please be sure to return your registration papers and fee at this time to ensure your child's spot, and preference for days and hours. Open

registration has begun and we are very busy with inquiries and scheduled tours. Openings are limited so be sure to get your papers in.

A Few Reminders:

- School will be closed from Monday, December 25th through Tuesday, January 2nd. School will reopen on Wednesday, January 3rd.
- Please remember to change the clothing in your child's shoe box – some boxes still have summer clothing in them.
- Remember to label all of your child's belongings – jackets, hats, mittens, etc.
- Please be on time at drop-off and pick-up times. We are staffed according to these times.
- Make sure we are made aware of any changes such as phone numbers, e-mail addresses, persons authorized to pick-up your child, home addresses, etc.
- Remember to check your e-mail for important messages, reminders or information on weather related school closings or delayed openings. We will also post information on our website and on Local News 12 on c/Cablevision/Optimum.

At this time we would like to extend our wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season!

Sincerely, Ms. Carol & Ms. Laurie, and Staff



at-a-glance

December Topics:

- Number Lessons
- Holiday Celebrations: Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa
- Start of Winter
- Science Fridays



Holiday Traditions



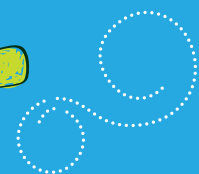
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We are collecting unwrapped toys for the Christmas Toy Drive by Friday, December 8th













It's time to update your child's shoebox with cold weather clothing!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					¹ Holiday Countdown Eat a Red Apple Day Science Friday Mering Christmas Tree	² 
³  Let's Hug Day	^{#9} ⁴ Elf on the Shelf Santa's List Day	^{#9} ⁵ Wreath	^{#10} ⁶ Mitten Tree	^{#10} ⁷ Star of David Hanukkah Begins Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	⁸ Review #9 & 10 Menorah Science Friday Dancing Rice Brownie Day	⁹ 
¹⁰ Worldwide Candle Lighting Day	¹¹ Holiday Gift & Card Making	¹² Holiday Gift & Card Making Poinsettia Day Gingerbread House Day	¹³  Hot Cocoa Day	¹⁴ Dreidel	¹⁵ Gingerbread Man Fire Drill 11:00	¹⁶  National Wreath Day
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²⁴ Christmas Eve New Year's Eve 31	²⁵ School is Closed	²⁶ School is Closed	²⁷ School is Closed	²⁸ School is Closed	²⁹ School is Closed	³⁰ 
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	Macaroni Wreath Craft	Ornament	PJ Party Wear Holiday Pajamas to School	Reindeer Food First Day of Winter	Holiday Party Visit from Santa	
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