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The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool December 2020

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Happy Holidays!!

The staff of Bethlehem Preschool would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday season.

At Bethlehem Preschool, we love celebrations and strive to include our families' traditions into our program. At this time of year, we encourage our families to share their holiday traditions with their child's class. This can be done through the sharing of items (books, food, games, etc.). Please see your child's teacher if there is something that you would like to share with the class.

Holiday Caring and Sharing Programs

Bethlehem Preschool is once again participating in the Bethlehem Community **Holiday Caring and Sharing Program**. The program is asking for the donation of **grocery gift cards**. If you would like to participate, please leave the purchased gift card at the front desk or hand the card to a staff member by **December 9th**.

The Pre-k classes are coordinating the collection of non-perishable food for a local food pantry. Please deposit your non-perishable donations in the collection boxes found between the Pre-k classrooms. Thank you!

BPS Closed

BPS will be closing at 1pm on **Thursday, December 24th**. We will be closed on **Friday, December 25**. We will also be closed on **Friday, January 1, 2021**.

Winter Weather Closings

BPS rarely closes for winter weather. If we are closed for any emergency, the closing would be announced **on TV, radio and internet along with other school-closing announcements**. We would be listed under **Bethlehem Preschool**. (Please note we are **NOT a part of a Bethlehem Central School District** closing.)

Scholastic Books

We will place our December order for Scholastic Books **on December 9th** before the holidays. This will allow the books to arrive by December 22. Please look on-line (www.scholasticbooks.com) for all the available catalogs and use our school code (**GDTCJ**) to place your order.

Classroom Notes

Infant Room: The weather is getting colder and colder, please check your child's supplies and clothing box to make sure we have everything they need.

We are sending home our first book in a bag. Please take some time to read the book with your little one. We would love for you to add pictures and captions. We will send another one home soon.

We have been switching up the toys and books to relate to the seasons throughout the year. We have lots of fun activities planned! We are beginning to explore new items in our sensory table and to experiment with coloring.

Help us prevent coughs and colds by washing your child's hands when they arrive at school.

Please remember to take off wet shoes or put on booties before entering the room! If you prefer, we can meet you at the door and take your child from you. Thank you for helping us to keep our room clean.

We will be offering our first parent conferences in the next couple of weeks. Please feel free to sign up if you are interested. But as always don't hesitate to speak to us about any questions or concerns you may have.

Happy holidays to all our families.

~ **Michele & Brianna**

Toddler Room: We cannot believe fall has come and gone. Time is flying by!

This month, we will be exploring **Colors and Shapes**. We will look at the many colors around our classroom and do various colorful art projects. We are looking forward to our **Color Week**, where we will wear a different color each day. Look for a letter in your child's mailbox for further information.

Be sure to check your child's extra clothing box for warm and size appropriate clothes. We try to go outside at least once per day, so please remember to bring in boots, snow pants, hats, and mittens. **Label Everything!**

Keep an eye out for a special holiday gift. We would like to wish everyone a happy holiday!

~ **Alicia, Jenny & Latizza**

Twos Room: Welcome to December! We had a fun November full of learning about turkeys and being thankful.

This month we will have fun learning about shapes and colors. We will be planning a "color week." Information on this will follow soon.

Please continue to bring in winter gear. Also, check clothing boxes for appropriate seasonal clothing.

Happy birthday to **Ricleicia!**

~ **Kristen, Tara & Ricleicia**

Threes Room: December is here; it is almost

time for winter cheer! The Three Year Old Room enjoyed a happy November, especially during our study of "**Thanks and Giving**." Our cranberry relish was a big hit at our harvest feast!

This month the class will learn about woodland animals with the study of "**Forest Friends**," and enter the fanciful world of "**Gingerbread and Gumdrops**." The children have been working on recognizing their names in print and identifying the letters in their names. Make a game of it at home. Have your child go on a name scavenger hunt and match the letters in his or her name to print on cereal boxes, in books, on toy boxes or other labels.

Please remember it is getting colder outside...if that's even possible! Be sure to send in warm clothes for indoor use (think layers), outdoor play, and extra clothes boxes. Also, be sure to always send in sneakers for our indoor play. Snow boots are dangerous and messy inside.

As we enter the height of cold and flu season, a reminder to all parents to please drop off and pick up children at the classroom doorway. Please do not walk into the room when children and teachers are inside.

We're looking forward to another exciting month of investigation, exploration and imagination!

Happy Birthday to **J M and R!**

~ **Jared, Ashley, Nicky & Kristine**

Pre-K 3/4s: Welcome to December! Our last month of 2020! Time sure does fly. We have been very busy in our Pre-K 3/4's room. Our Thanksgiving feast was delicious.

In December we will be working on the study of **Gingerbread**. We will also be studying **Colors and Shapes**. The week of December 14 we would like each child to wear the color of the day: Mon: Red, Tue: Orange, Wed: Yellow, Thurs: Blue, Fri: Green or Purple. A letter will come home as a reminder as we get closer.

As we are busy inside, we are also busy outside every day. Please be sure to bring snow pants, boots, a hat and waterproof mittens daily. Also, please be sure to label these items so we can keep track of everything

easily. Thanks so much.

Please let us know if you need anything as the year flies on. We look forward to welcoming 2021 together!

Happy Birthday to **A and B!**

~ **Tera, Stephanie, & Saaleha**

Pre-K 4s: As the months go by we are so proud of the growth and accomplishments we see in the classroom. Our nutrition study was a huge success. We especially loved taste testing a variety of corn products, and pointing out the 5 food groups on our lunch plates.

Now that December is here we are excited to explore our new studies. We will be learning about hibernation, migration, and family traditions.

We have been sending home homework packets in the mailboxes. These are just an extension of some of the skills we are working on daily in the room. If you have not already done so, please bring in a family photo so we can hang it up in the classroom.

As the seasons change, we want to give another reminder: Please bring in your child's winter gear: snow pants, boots, hats, and waterproof gloves. It is important that your child is dressed properly as we go outside daily.

Happy Holidays to all!

~ **Maura, Sherry, and Cassidy**

Important Dates

Dec. 9- Deadline for gift card donations and food drive donations

Dec. 9 – Deadline for Scholastic Book order

Dec. 24 BPS closes at 1pm

Dec. 25 - BPS closed for Christmas

Jan. 1 - BPS closed for New Year's Day

Jan. 18 – BPS closed for MLK Holiday