



Dear Families,

We have two more full weeks of school before winter break. On Monday, January 7th, there is no preschool due to community screenings. We will see everybody back in preschool on Tuesday, January 8th! The kids are doing some wonderful work and play during school. We hope that you have had the chance to check our class Facebook page to see some pictures of this kids in action!



ACP Spirit Week!

Head's up, everyone! Spirit week is coming! During the week right before winter break (December 17th-21st) we will have some special days to help us celebrate the holidays and count down to winter break!

Here is our schedule:

Monday: Pajama Day- wear your warmest PJs to school.

Tuesday: Sports Day- represent your favorite team.

Wednesday: Costume Day- wear dress up clothes or re-use that Halloween costume.

Thursday: Holiday hat day- and winter parties in preschool.

Friday: Popcorn Party Day- popcorn and a winter movie for snack time!

Holiday Show and Tell: Thursday

All students should bring a holiday decoration from home to show to the class at group time.

Examples could be:

- Decorative snowman, Santa, Elf, etc.
- Small holiday tree (very small), or ornament
- Family menorah or dreidel

All decorations will be sent back home at the end of the school day.

ACP Holiday Party!

Planning has begun for our holiday party on Thursday, December 20st. Save the date! Festivities will be from 10:30-11:00 for the AM class and 2:00-2:30 for the PM class. Siblings, babysitters and grandparents are invited! The more the merrier. We hope to see you there to enjoy some holiday music and snacks to kick-start our winter break! Arrival for students will be at the usual times (8:50 and 12:25) and dismissal will begin when the party ends.

Our Class Fish Needs a Winter Home

If you would like to watch our Betta fish during winter break, please let a teacher know. We are looking for someone to take care of him during the two weeks we will be out of session. He comes with a small carrier which he can stay in for the two weeks. We will provide his food.



CENTERS AND REMINDERS

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
Blocks	Train tracks and magnetic train set Wooden blocks	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
Table Toys and Games	File folder Games and puzzles Patterning boards and holiday items Candy Land	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
Dramatic Play	Holiday House and Gingerbread bakery	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
Writing	Holiday coloring, glue and scissors	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
Library	Class-made books Winter-themed books Magnetic letters and flip books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
Sensory	Holiday I-Spy game	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts—sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
Snack	Self-serve during center time or as a whole group activity	Self-help; language development and social skills
Art	Finger-painting holiday lights Painting at the easel Surprise holiday gift for moms and dads :)	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
Tech	Ipads	Turn taking; developing hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills; practicing various cognitive skills (literacy, math, science concepts)
Science	Jingle bells and Magnatiles	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers

Important Dates:

- 12/20: ACP Winter parties
- 12/21: Last day of school before winter break (PM only)
- 12/21: Della Rose's Birthday! (AM Class)
- 12/22-1/6: No School-Winter Break
- 1/7: No School- Community Screenings