



Dear Families,

It's our last week of school and it's spirit week! See below for our spirit week dress up agenda. On Monday, January 7th, there is no preschool due to community screenings. We will see everybody back in preschool on Tuesday, January 8th!



ACP Spirit Week!

Spirit week is here! We will have some special days to help us celebrate the holidays and count down to winter break!

Monday: Pajama Day

Please have your preschool wear their warmest, coziest jammies to school. We will have the kids warm up for the day with some preschool yoga.

Tuesday: Sports Day

It's time to represent your favorite team. Wear your favorite jersey or shirt! We will complete an obstacle course with the kids and cheer for each other as we go!

Wednesday: Costume Day

Your preschooler can dress up in costume for school today. The kids will get to show off their cool costume with a costume fashion show.

Thursday: Holiday Hat Day/Winter Party:

Wear your favorite holiday-themed or winter hat words and pictures. Ask questions about the story!

Friday: Popcorn Party

The PM class will get to watch a short holiday show during snack time on Friday. We will have yummy popcorn too!

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 Found a Winter Home!

Thank you so much to the Hopp family in our PM class for hosting our class fish, Gil over winter break.



What to do during winter break:

1. Talk about school at home! Use our Facebook page to look at pictures of teachers and classmates to minimize stress when returning to school.
2. Read to your child before bed or during rest time. Specifically point out the title page, author, words and pictures. Ask questions about the story!
3. Have your child practice the letters in his or her name using gifts/gift cards!

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	The Grinch green sensory table -dyed rice, shovels -red hearts -ABCs	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	Paint at the easel Group holiday mural	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

