

A Fly on the Wall...

Mrs. Barta's Pre-first

Pre-first is exploding with Christmas cheer! We have been quite busy gearing up for the holidays by writing our own books, practicing our letter writing skills to Santa, graphing holiday patterns, story-telling, learning about the symbols of Christmas and its' true meaning, making holiday gifts, reading holiday books, practicing our handwriting and using our math skills to solve problems. Phew! What a few weeks it has been. As we enter the holidays, I am thankful for each and every one of my students. They amaze me with their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for learning. Each student is at a different stage, but they are all making progress and strides in their own development. I am so proud of their accomplishments so far this school year and can't wait to see their continued progress in the new year. Have a wonderful holiday with family and friends and most importantly enjoy this magical time with your children!



Mrs. Loeb & Mrs. Knott's Pre-k

Our pre-k has been so busy preparing for Christmas! We're practicing our songs, creating presents for our families, and decorating our classroom. Last week we loved that our letter "k" stood for Kris Kringle! (As well as kabobs, kittens, and kookaburra!) We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Program and for the little party afterwards!



Senora Poe's Spanish

It is fun celebrating Navidad in Spanish Class! The children enjoyed reading *The Legend of the Poinsettia* and learning the meaning behind the flower. We collaborated with art and created these gorgeous poinsettias which will hopefully hang on your tree for years to come. Feliz Navidad and Prospero año y Felicidad!



Mrs. Smith's Values

Christmas is the best time to create special family moments, plan a family activity or getaway which you can commit to do traditionally on Christmas together. What's important is for our children to cherish the warmth of family togetherness during this season. Merry Christmas! Make each moment count and be sure to capture these moments that you can cherish for years to come.

Mrs. Hooper & Mrs. Grieves 3s

Your little Elves have been busy making many Christmas goodies...wreaths, decorated trees, glittered lightbulbs, elves and a SPECIAL GIFT.... to name a few! The children made Reindeer food which was a big "hit" as well as a red nosed "Christmoose". Be sure to ask them about the special story we read starring Daddy "Moosletoe." Another favorite book was, "Are You Grumpy Santa", which is full of rhyming and laughs! Letter recognition and the children's attention span at circle time are greatly improving. They enthusiastically answer many of our content questions after story time. Alphabet hopscotch is a popular hallway game. Little Jack Horner is our December nursery rhyme and green stars are our color and shape of the month. The energy level and "volume" in our classroom is increasing as Christmas draws near. We are working on focusing that energy into our many Christmas songs which we are practicing daily and are looking forward to performing for you on the 20th! The service will begin promptly [at 10:00 a.m.](#) and following the service, our children and their families will gather in our classroom for a brief party. Thank you in advance to our party parents. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school in the New Year [on January](#) 8th! Enjoy your "little ones" during this magical and joyful time of year!



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is full of Joy. We have been in the Holiday spirit. We have played games such as "Pin The Heart on the Grinch", "Jingle Bell Toss", "Candy Cane Hunt" and "Hershey Kiss Matching." We have painted, decorated and crafted Christmas themed projects and of course practiced out songs for the Christmas Service. We Hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday and enjoys their winter break!

Ms. Astley & Mrs. Hobson's 2s

Merry Christmas from the 2s! Can I just say it's a joy to come to work every day to see your children's smiling faces? I have loved getting to know each one of them as they grow and develop. This month we have talked about Christmas, the color green and the triangle. In circle, we have read lots of Christmas stories and practiced identifying the colors that we have learned thus far. We have made Christmas trees, candy canes and planted our own peppermints that grew into Candy Canes! The Twos and I have also loved getting to know Mrs. Sara Hobson, our new Assistant teacher. Sara has jumped right in and as been a fantastic addition to our room and to our 2's team! The weather for December has been wonderful and we have loved being outside. Please remember to send in a warm jacket, hat and gloves. We do our best to go outside every day, rain, snow or shine! This would be a great time to also take inventory of your child's cubby and make sure that we have plenty of supplies and winter clothes for the new year. I hope that each one of you and your families has a wonderful holiday and I can't wait to see you in 2020!



Mrs. Wyatt & Mrs. Zuidema's 2s

The Wyatt/Zuidema Twos have had a wonderful December. We focused on Christmas, triangles, and the color green. During circle time, we worked on our AB pattern and looked for jingle bells behind different color sleighs. Our most favorite project was planting a peppermint and watching a candy cane grow. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year. Thank you for sharing your children with us.



Mrs. Smith's & Mrs. Vandenberg's Kindergartens

We are having the best time in kindergarten as we gear up for the holidays! Each day, we are busy creating a new ornament, and understanding the meaning behind it. In math, we are working our way through the "tricky teen" numbers. Please practice writing the numbers at home. In language arts, we are finally completely through all of the letters of the alphabet and are excited to be sounding out three letter words! While you are at home on Christmas break, the best thing that you can do with your child is to read with them. Please send in a bag with snow boots/gear if it does snow - we will be going outside! We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We hope 2020 is filled with wonderful surprises and successes for everyone! Enjoy your break and we will be ready for you on January 6.



Mrs. Schroeder & Miss Ball's 3s

Happy Holidays from the 5 Day 3s! We have been enjoying our time together and discussing how the Holidays can be very busy for everyone so we should be extra nice to our parents! Please remember to stock your child's cubby with weather appropriate clothing for the new year. We have been going out to play in the chilly wet fall weather and many children are in need of restocking! Have a peaceful holiday and enjoy the Winter break!



Mrs. Blair's Art

The art room and bulletin boards have been creatively decorated by very excited artists! They have worked so hard creating the most beautiful poinsettias, paper chains for our art tree, and snowflake paper for our winter wonderland. We also discovered many important facts about Pine trees to be able to know how to begin painting them. We used magnifying glasses to make our discoveries before painting our masterpieces with watercolor. From glitter and sequins, to painted rice and paint we have colored our world and are ready to celebrate this season of joy



Mrs. Arrup & Mrs. Baker's Pre-k

Christmas has arrived in our Pre K class and we have been very busy singing Christmas carols, listening and discussing Christmas stories and creating beautiful holiday masterpieces. Although Christmas inspired, they still require counting, sorting, creating patterns, etc. There has been a lot of patience, perseverance and love put into each project. We have been discussing the five senses of Christmas and encourage you to take time to share with each other what you see, feel, smell, hear and touch during the holiday season. Enjoy your little ones during this magical time of year and we wish you a wonderful, relaxing break!

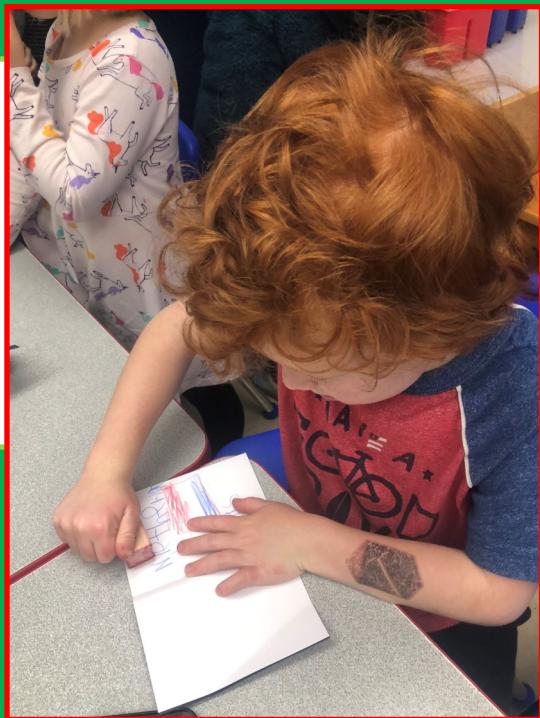


Ms. B's Music

Behold I bring you tidings of great joy! Your children are working hard singing so many wonderful Christmas songs for their pageant on Friday. Come and hear the beautiful story of the birth of Jesus. You will be so blessed you came!

Mrs. Knott's World Cultures

We have been celebrating holiday traditions from around the world. We stamped our passports in the Netherlands where we learned about St. Nicholas. We made origami clogs and left them in our cubbies with the hope that he might leave us a small treat. St. Nick did not disappoint! We also made pin wheels, reminiscent of Dutch windmills, to decorate our Christmas tree. After that, we flew to Israel to celebrate Hanukkah and play Dreidel. We have decided to park ourselves in Israel and look forward to returning from break to make latkes and jelly donuts!



Mrs. Craig's Science

We have been celebrating the season with Christmas themed experiments and STEM activities! All of the classes enjoyed a Christmas cookie chemical reaction, dripping red and green vinegar into cookie cutters filled with baking soda. Pre-first made beautiful crystal and magic plastic ornaments. Kindergarten put their STEM skills to work building Lego wagons for elves, creating Christmas shapes with glass beads on the light table, and making a peppermint and water swirling experiment. I hope you enjoy all the magic of the season with your little ones!



Mrs. Craig's PE

The children have enjoyed mixing up our P.E. routine with some Christmas games. All of the classes rotated through Christmas themed stations: ice skating on paper plates, pulling scooter sleighs, building snowmen and Christmas trees with gym equipment and more. We played Christmas tree tag, fed reindeer with a relay game, and "freeze" danced to Christmas music. Wishing you all a healthy holiday!