## Hello Red Door Parents!

This week the children learned all about Santa and his reindeer! We spoke about Christmas and we showed the children all the different colored ornaments that can go on the Christmas tree. We spoke about how special Rudolph and his red nose was even though he was a little different than the rest of the reindeer. Because after all, our differences is what makes us all so special. The children had a blast dancing during the Mr. Turtle dance class. They danced to many Christmas songs and even heard the Hanukkah song Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel.

For our small group/art activity the children enjoyed creating Christmas trees using their hands and fingertips. With the teachers help the children hand their hands painted green and placed them on white paper in the shape of a tree. Once dry, they used many different colors to add ornaments to their tree with their fingers! The children also had a chance to work on puzzles and play the sorting box game with the colors green and red. Last but not least the children had a blast decorating their Reindeer headbands!

As part of our music and movement this week we sang the good morning song, Wheels on the Bus, The itsy Bitsy Spider, If You're Happy and You Know It, Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and we continued to practice our holiday songs. The children sang and danced to Jingle Bell Rock, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and Mi Burrito Sabanero.

The stories the children followed along to this week included Pete the cat saves Christmas, Santa is stuck, the gingerbread man, the littlest reindeer and you're my little Christmas cookie.

For our outdoor activities the children enjoyed playing red light, green light, crawling through the tunnel, dancing ring around the rosey with their friends and teachers and even tried running like reindeer!

Parent's please always remember to keep your child's nails short as to not scratch our friends while playing and to take home your child's pillows and blankets every Friday (if your child naps at school) and bring them back fresh and clean on Monday! Have a wonderful weekend Red Door family!

Ms. Karla