

12/17/2021

Dear Parents of VPK,

HO HO HO! It is that special time of year again! This week, the topic was Christmas. The children first learned the history of Christmas. What does Christmas Day celebrate? Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. When is Christmas Day celebrated? December 25th. Who celebrates this day? This day is a Christian holiday celebrated by Christians around the world. Many non-Christians also celebrate this day as a time of peace, joy, family, and giving of presents. What do people do to celebrate? There are lots of ways that people can celebrate Christmas. Most people get together with family and exchange gifts on Christmas morning. Many people attend church services either on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve. Christmas decorations are a big part of the holiday. People decorate their homes with festive lights and winter decorations. People also put up Christmas trees and decorate them with ornaments and lights. The tradition of the Christmas tree comes from the country of Germany. The earliest known decorations for the tree were apples. Another part of the celebration of Christmas is singing Christmas songs such as Silent Night, Away in a Manger, The First Noel, The Twelve Days of Christmas, and Jingle Bells. On Christmas Eve, it is believed that Santa Claus piles toys on his sleigh and flies around the world with his magical reindeer to give gifts to good children. Elves are known to be Santa Claus's helpers and live with him at the North Pole throughout the year.

We wrote a letter to Santa telling him what favorite toy we wanted for Christmas and drew a picture of it. The children made their own ornaments and decorated their own Christmas tree with gems, glitter, and sequins. The children also decorated a stocking; they used cotton balls/sequins and decorated it. The children also made Christmas headbands. The children made Christmas cards and popsicle stick reindeers. We also made elves and a Santa beard. In our journals, we drew a picture of a festive Christmas.

This week we also had spirit week and the students participated with so much enthusiasm. They sang the holiday songs on Wednesday and took pictures with Santa on Thursday. Pictures were posted throughout the week of the different activities on Brightwheel. Hope you enjoyed them

Graphing: What is your favorite Holiday? Most said Christmas because they enjoy getting presents.

Books we read this week

A few of the books we read are:

Moosestoe

It is Christmas

Santa's Stuck

The Great Reindeer Rebellion

A Bad Kitty Christmas

A Chick N Pug Christmas

The 12 Days of Christmas

A Magical Christmas Eve

Llama Llama Holiday Drama

Gingerbread Mouse

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bell

We recommend checking some of these books out and reading them with your children; they really enjoyed them. Their favorite was Santa's Stuck.

"The Joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing each other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the holidays." –W. C. Jones

#### REMINDERS:

\* Next week, December 20-23 is a non-instructional week. Attendance for VPK is not mandatory and the absence for that week will not count against them. Also, since it's a non-instructional week, there will be no weekly letter.

\*\* School will be closed on December 24th

\*\*\*We will be closed on the week of December 27-31 and will reopen on January 3rd.

We wanted to take this chance to thank you for all the gifts and well wishes. They are truly appreciated. We wish you all and your families joy, peace, and good health this Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ms. Ana and Ms. Nadia

Ms. Marta and Ms. Emma

Ms. Laura and Ms. Milquella