

12/16/2022

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. There are lots of ways that people can celebrate Christmas. Most people get together with family and exchange gifts on Christmas morning. 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. They 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.

Books we read this week:

Mooseltoe

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 19-23 is a non-instructional week. Attendance for VPK is not mandatory and the absence for that week will not count against them. Since it's a non-instructional week, there will be no weekly letter.

** Spirit Week is also next week! Please refer to this list for the themes of the day:

Monday: Blue and white in honor of Hanukkah

Tuesday: Ugly Christmas sweater

Wednesday: Santa hat (Meet Santa between 7:30-9am!)

Thursday: Red, green, and Santa hats (Caroling at 10:30)

Friday: Wear your Holiday PJs!- We will close at 2:00 PM

*** We will be closed on the week of December 26-30 and will reopen on January 3rd.

Ms. Ana & Ms. Marta

Ms. Nadia & Ms. Laura