

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019

Mrs. G & Mrs. Tracey Tuesday/Thursday Class

Welcome back from break! We hope you all enjoyed the time off with your families. As we enter the holiday and winter season, the children are full of excitement and anticipation. They are always looking forward to playing in the snow. We have a few winter reminders to share with you. In the future, please help your child pack their boots, snow pants, mittens and hat in their backpacks or an additional bag. Our maintenance department helps to keep the sidewalks clear so children can wear their shoes into the building. Outdoor play will be part of our day as long as the temperature is 20 degrees or warmer, including consideration of the wind chill. When helping your children learn how to dress for snow play, snow pants on first, boots, coats, hats and gloves last. Thank you so much for working with us on this skill.

Our dramatic play center has been a kitchen where children can cook for their friends and share conversation. This past month, we have changed our center to a harvest store. The children were able to shop for flowers, pumpkins, gourds, breads and cheeses. Next month, we will be making our center a Dunkin Donuts Shop. We are confident the children will enjoy making coffee and sweets for each other.

In our sensory table this month, we had corn on the cob. The children picked the kernels off the cob. They were then able to explore with the kernels. The children used measuring cups, spoons, scoops, buckets and many different sized containers. This is a great way to strengthen fine motor skills. We also had turtles and toads in water for our letter "T".

In December, we will be exploring the letters D, E, and J. The children will also be working on a few surprises for their families. We are planning a game day the week before our winter break.

Progress reports will be sent home this month which will give you a better idea of your child's skills at the mid-year point of the school year.

Barlina House Wishes You Happy Holidays

