Message from the Director

The month of December promises to be a very busy one for all of us, both children and adults alike. We will be bustling about shopping, planning, decorating, and partying. It is a joyous, yet exhausting, season for most. And it can be frustrating, as well, especially when trying to find the perfect gift for those on your Christmas list! In today’s society we are surrounded by the attitude of ME and what makes ME happy. How wonderful, indeed, this season is, as it is a season for giving and doing for the good of others instead of me, me, me! Therein is the challenge for those of us with little ones, who, by nature, are ego centered. Since it is true that children learn much from the actions and attitude (and gratitude!) of the adults around them, we might consider the following Christmas gift suggestions:

To an enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, our heart.
To others, service.
To all, charity.
To oneself, respect.
To every child, a good example.

Christmas day is a day of joy and charity. May God make you very rich in both this holiday season and throughout the year. And may you pass that gift on to your children in abundance.

Christmas blessings to you and your family from all of us here at Creative Preschool!

News from Threes

There is magic all around us these days! Our school is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We will be working on a special Christmas present for Mom and Dad. Christmas decorations, both for home and school, will keep us very busy in these fun filled weeks. Our Christmas parties are on Monday, December 19 for the M-W class and 20 for the T-TH class during regular class time. Hopefully Santa will stop by for a short visit. Most of the children are excited to sit on his lap and give him their wish list. If your child does not want to, though, he/she will never be forced.

We enjoy family time during our Christmas break, beginning December 21. The children return on January 3 or 4, 2012. We wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you have a happy and peaceful holiday with your families! Thanks for all you do to help us!

News from Fours

What a wonderful time of year this is, and how special it is for us to share the joy and anticipation of this season with your children! This month we at Creative will definitely be busy getting ready for Christmas. We will be making a gift and a card that you will find under your tree—hand-made by your child’s loving hands! Shh! . . . don’t ask what it is . . . it’s a secret! We are certain that you will cherish this unique gift. We will be making decorations to add Christmas cheer to your home and ornaments for our tree here at school, as well, and we will be learning Christmas songs to share with you.

Our Christmas parties will be on Monday, December 19 for M-W-F classes and on Tuesday, December 20 for T-Th and T-Th-F classes. We are hoping that Santa will have time to visit! On the day of our Christmas parties we will be spreading some Christmas cheer by singing some Christmas carols at the end of class time. Families are welcome to join us for the caroling in the Activity Room at 11:15 for AM classes and at 3:00 for PM classes. The children will dismiss from their classrooms following the carols.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. We wish each of you a very blessed and joyous Christmas, and a fun-filled Holiday break!

LETTERS: A, C, D
NUMBERS: review 0-10, teens as determined

News from Pre-K

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!” It is so wonderful for me to share in the excitement and anticipation of the Christmas season with your child! My Christmas is always merrier and brighter because I get to share the joy of the season with your child! Christmas is a busy time of year and your child and I will be busy all month long making ornaments and decorations for your home that I'm sure you will cherish for years. We will also be making a very special gift for each of you -- even the wrapping paper and card will be homemade! The month of December is full of so much fun and wonder that we are all dizzy and dancing with delight!

In addition to all our Christmas preparations, we will continue with our alphabet art and our alphabet writing. We will also briefly discuss how Christmas is celebrated in other countries.

Our class Christmas party will be on Monday, December 19th. We are so hoping that Santa will be able to stop at our school on this day so that we can visit with him and remind him what we are hoping to find under our Christmas trees! We are trying so hard to be good! We will be singing a few Christmas carols at the end of the day on the 19th. You are all invited to join us as we sing these carols in the Activity Room at 3:30.

Classes will resume for us on Wednesday, January 4th. I wish each of you a Christmas filled with blessings, love and joy. May the New Year bring you peace and happiness too!

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VOCABULARY: tradition, frost, carol, poinsettia, Sinterklaas, parol

News from Friday Friends

December is going to be a very busy month for us. We will be making a special present for our parents. The children will be bringing home Christmas crafts to help decorate your home, too! Our Christmas Party is on Friday, December 16th. Santa may be stopping by for a short visit on this day. We will not have school on Friday, December 23rd and December 30th. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing Holiday break!
News from Motor Skills
In the last several weeks, we have made a parachute fly and even gone on safari during the time we enjoy together for Motor Skills. But, since it is now December, that means it is time for reindeer games and dancing nutcrackers! Unlike Rudolph, no one is ever left out of these games and everyone learns a lot about taking turns! We wish you all the best during this blessed season and for the New Year!

News from Art
In this month’s lesson the children learned about color and the technique of filling in space with dots of color (called Pointillism) and, using inspiration from the works of George Seurat, created Pointillist art of their own. Look for our little artist’s Pointillist-inspired work in our Art Gallery this month!

Christmas Break
Creative Preschool will be closed for the Holidays beginning Wednesday, December 21. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3 of 2012. Happy New Year!

Snow Delay/Closure Reminder
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Board Meeting
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Registration News
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Registration for Current Families
Registration papers will be sent home beginning January 16 to 3 year old class children only. If your child is in the 4s classes and you need registration forms, you can see Mrs. DePaoli or check the website. Registration forms and the $75 registration fee must be returned NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 3 in order to receive priority registration! You will receive confirmation of class placement through your child’s cubby the week of February 6.

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