

Creative Preschool Newsletter December 2012

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 17 for the M-W class and 18 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. Each child will have his/her picture taken with Santa and also a group picture with the class. We hope you enjoy a lot of family time during our Christmas break, beginning December 19. The children return on January 2 or 3, 2013.

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 17th for M-W-F classes and on Tuesday, December 18th 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 Christmas carols at the end of class time. Families are welcome to join us for caroling in the Activity Room at 11:15 for AM classes and at 3:15 for PM classes. The children will dismiss from their classrooms following the carols.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd or Thursday, Jan 3rd. We wish each of you a very blessed and joyous Christmas, and a fun-filled Holiday break!

LETTERS: 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 17th. 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 17th. 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 2nd. 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 14th. Santa may be stopping by for a short visit on this day. We will not have school on Friday, December 21st and December 28th. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing Holiday break!



News from Motor Skills

Sad news! Mrs. Fluegeman will not be able to return as planned. Her ankle is definitely on the mend, but swelling has become an issue and her physicians want her to give it time to heal until after the New Year. We look forward to seeing her in January!

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 19. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2 of 2012. Happy New Year!

Snow Delay/Closure Reminder

Just a reminder, Parents, that in case of inclement morning weather you should listen or look for the decision Oak Hills makes. In the case Oak Hills calls for a 2 hour DELAY, Creative Preschool will be open beginning at 9:30 AM and end at regular dismissal time. Afternoon classes will begin at the regular time.

In the case of a CLOSURE, Creative Preschool will be closed for the entire day.

Welcome Future Creative Preschoolers!

Congratulations to the King family! Mommy Erica and Daddy Cody, and big sister Sienna, in Mrs. Brothers's class, are certainly are enjoying their baby girl, Skylar, since her birth on October 23. Welcome to your little bundle of love!



Christmas Gifts

Parents, we are asking that you refrain from sending in Christmas gifts and treats to the children in your child's class. We appreciate the kindness and generosity of our parents, but we feel it is in the best interest of the children to make this holiday as simple as possible here at school. Thank you for your understanding.



Puppet Show

Thanks to everyone who helped support the puppet show. More than 160 of us, Creative Preschool children and their families, came together to enjoy the wonderful classic fairy tale "Rumplestilzkin" presented by The Frisch Marionette Company. It was a great time enjoyed by all!

Carnival Committee Needs

Are you cleaning out your toy chests and closets in preparation for Santa's new arrivals? If so, the Carnival Committee is looking for your gently used stuffed animals, new toys, or Happy Meal prizes. You can drop them off at school or contact Michelle Guenther at 451-0293 or crosstowncouple@yahoo.com for pick up. Thanks so much!

Board Positions

There are several Board position openings for the 2012-2013 school year! We are especially looking for some help with Registrar as soon as possible, so this person can shadow this year's Registrars come January. Other positions include Fundraising (VP Sales), Parent Rep, Purchasing, Basket Coordinator and Special Events coordinator. If you are interested in a position please contact Paige Kock @ 451-6696 or paigekock@hotmail.com.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, January 16th @ 7:30. Come see what it is all about!

Registration News

Please spread the word! REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES BEGINS ON JANUARY 2!!!

Creative Preschool registration for first time families will be on a first-come-first-served basis for the 2012-2013 school year.

Beginning January 2, NEW families may register their child(ren) by making 2 class time choices and by turning in their completed registration forms and the \$75 registration fee. Forms will be numbered in the order that they are received. AFTER current and returning families have registered and been assigned to a class (which will be completed by February 12), new students will be assigned to their first or second choice class, if available, in numbered order. Registration fees will be refunded only if families do not receive their first or second choice for class day/time and choose to withdraw.



Registration for Current Families

Priority Registration papers will be sent home beginning January 14 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 1** in order to receive priority registration! You will receive confirmation of class placement through your child's cubby the week of February 4.