

Creative Preschool Newsletter December 2013

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 Wednesday December 18 for the M-W class and 19 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 the week of December 23. The children return on January 6 or 7, 2014.

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 Thursday, December 19th for T-TH classes and on Friday, December 20th for

M-W-F 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 Monday, January 6th or Tuesday, Jan 7th. 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 appropriate

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 Friday, December 20th. 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 20th. **You are all invited to join us as we sing these carols in the Activity Room at 3:15.**

Classes will resume for us on Monday, January 6th. 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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NUMBERS: review of 0 - 10

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 20. Santa may be stopping by for a short visit on this day. We will not have school on Friday, December 27 or January 3. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing Holiday break!

News from Motor Skills and Music

We have certainly been having a good time in the "big room upstairs" - it's amazing how many places we can go, using our imaginations, as we play our games. This past month, we even went on safari! In December, of course it will begin to look a lot like Christmas and we will play some reindeer games. In music, we've been discovering the percussion family



of the orchestra. In December, we will see what kind of 'toys' musicians use for special sounds like sleigh bells and horse hooves while we sing some Christmas songs. I certainly wish everyone all the joys and blessings of the Christmas season!



Christmas pajamas, and they can bring a stuffed animal or blanket to cuddle with during the movie! There are still some tickets available, and if we don't sell out before, there may be some available at the door on the 6th. But just to be safe, it's better to get your tickets early! Please contact Angie Durepo at aedurepo@gmail.com if you have any questions! Merry Christmas and see you on the

News from Art

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



6th!

Christmas Break

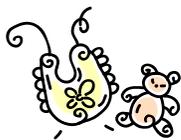
Creative Preschool will be closed for the Holidays beginning Monday, December 23. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6 of 2014. Happy New Year!

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!

November is, yet again, a time of special thanksgiving for several Creative Preschool families as they welcomed new life into their family.



Congratulations to the King family! Mommy Erica and Daddy Cody, and big sister Sienna, in Mrs. Fleming's class, are enjoying their baby boy, Jett, since he has come home after his

birth on October 30.

Julie and Doug Docter welcomed baby girl, Elise Gabrielle, on November 1. Big brother Grant, in Mrs. Ewry's class is smiling from ear to ear to have a little sister to love!

On November 13 Suzanne and Donald Hoog gave birth to a baby boy, as well. Big brother, Hunter, in Mrs. G's class, sure is happy to welcome baby Charlie to their very *pink* family!

Congratulations to all of you and welcome to your newest little bundles 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.



Family Fun Movie Night

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, December 6 for Creative's Family Fun Movie Night! If you purchased tickets, you should have received them in your child's cubby by now. The doors will open at 6:30pm and The Muppet Christmas Carol will begin at 7pm. We'll have music for dancing and a craft available for the kids to do before the movie starts! Please remember that our preschool friends and their siblings or friends are welcome to wear their favorite

Creative Preschool Spring Carnival

Merry Christmas! Are you looking to clean out those closets and playrooms? Please think of donating your gently used stuffed animals and "happy meal" type toys to Creative for the Spring Carnival. You can leave your items in Mrs. DePaoli's office. Thank you to those of you who have already given generously! We truly appreciate it! In January will be contacting Creative parents who have indicated that they can donate food items or basket items for the Carnival. If you can donate anything, please let Angie Durepo (aedurepo@gmail.com) or Jamie Doll (jmedoll@fuse.net) know. Also, please be sure to "Like" the Spring Carnival's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival where you can keep up with all the latest Carnival news!

Board Positions

There are several board position openings for the 2014-2015 school year. We are especially looking for some help with VP of Events as soon as possible so this person can shadow this year's VP of Events come January. Please come to our next board meeting to learn of the new opportunities available on the school board. If you have any questions or would like further details on the openings please contact Kimberly Sellmeyer. kimsellmeyer@gmail.com

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, January 14th @ 7:30. Come see what it is all about!

Registration News-Please Spread the Word! REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES BEGINS ON JANUARY 6!!!

Creative Preschool registration for first time families will be on a first-come-first-served basis for the 2014-2015 school year.



Beginning January 6, NEW families may register their child(ren) by making 2 class time choices and by turning in their completed registration forms and the \$100 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 14), 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 13 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 \$100 registration fee must be returned NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31 in order to receive priority registration! You will receive confirmation of class placement through your child's cubby the week of February 3.