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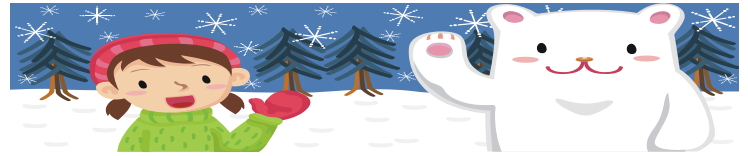


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December 2013

Theme: Family Traditions

Stories: *Matt and Molly, Polar Express, The Snowy Day, Let it Snow, Ten Little Christmas Presents*



Playing Outside

Just a reminder, with the weather changing and getting colder we will still be going outside every day. We go outside first thing when they kids get off the bus, please make sure to send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather (coats, hats, gloves, boots, snow pants, etc.).

Toy Safety

- Follow recommended age ranges on toy packages. Toys that are too advanced could be a safety hazard for younger children.
- Before buying a toy or allowing your child to play with a toy received as a gift, read the instructions carefully. If the toy is appropriate for your child, demonstrate how to use it properly.
- Be careful of holiday gift wrapping, like bags, paper, ribbons and bows. These items pose suffocation and choking hazards to a small child.
- To prevent both burns and electrical shocks, do not give young children (under age 10) a toy that must be plugged into an electrical outlet. Instead, buy toys that are battery-operated.
- Children under age 3 can choke on small parts contained in toys or games. Government regulations specify that toys for children under age 3 cannot have parts less than 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 2 1/4 inches long.
- Children under age 8 can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Remove strings and ribbons from toys before giving them to young children.
- Watch for pull toys with strings that exceed 12 inches in length. They could be a strangulation hazard for babies.

Source: <http://childcareaware.org/parents-and-guardians/resources/additional-resources/holiday-safety-tips>



Cognitive Development

Colors: Green

Shape: Rectangle

Letters: mM, nN, oO

Numbers: 0-30, counting backward, and touch math

Sensory Activities

Sensory Table: shaving cream, snow, play dough

Announcements

- Don't forget about the Polar Express Family Fun Night on December 5th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Cost is only \$2 per child which includes snacks, activities and more!
- Our Holiday Party will be Thursday, December 19th at 1:00. Parents are welcome to come and join in our festivities if they have a volunteer form on file. We will have a book exchange, make holiday crafts, and singing holiday songs. Please see the attached note for more details.

Dates to Remember

- December 2-6**Scholastic Book Fair
- December 5**.....Polar Express Family Fun Night
- December 11**.....District Late Start Day No AM Preschool
- December 12**.....Book Orders Due
- December 19**.....Classroom Holiday Party
- December 20-January 6**.....Christmas Break No School