

# DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

## Room #104 - Mrs. Jordan

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

Thank you for coming to fall conferences. It was nice to have a chance to visit with you and to get to know a little more about your child. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns please let me know. Thanks.

Farmer Nelson was a big hit. He brought his very large turkey for us to learn about and touch. We also had fun at the "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" with all the other classes. Thanks to Vivian's mom, JP's dad and Willa T.'s mom for helping out.

### Themes:

Family, Health &  
Nutrition

### Calendar Dates:

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> -Wednesday  
Show & Tell (baby picture  
and item)

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday  
Family book page due

Tues. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> - Thurs.  
Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - Preschool  
Closed for Winter Break

### Preschool Screening

I asked many of you at conferences, but wanted to remind everyone that your child should have gone through preschool screening. Please contact your local school district if you have not done the screening yet. 612-348-tots for Mpls.

### Show & Tell / Sharing Day

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> will be our next show & tell day. Since we are talking about ourselves and our families please help your child pick out a baby picture and something special to them to bring. The children will take turns telling us about their picture and special item.

### Snack

Since we are talking about nutrition and "My Plate" which has taken the place of the food pyramid, please talk to your child about what they are bringing for snack and from what area of the plate it comes from, (Fruit, Vegetables, Grains, Protein & Dairy)

During December we will be having a Fruit day and a Vegetable day for snack. Five friends will bring snack "Vegetable" on the vegetable day and five friends will bring snack "Fruit" on the fruit day. Have fun and be creative.

## Dramatic Play

Our dramatic play area will be turning into a "Fitness Center"

## Family Book

We will be making a book about our families. Info will be on another sheet of paper, please return when you finish or by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

## Chester

Chester continues his adventures with our classmates. Last month he spent time at Sage, Seth & Henry's houses and it sounds like he had fun. Chester is our raccoon puppet that comes to your house for a weekend to stay with you, have fun and don't forget to take him with you on any adventures you may go on. I will give you a page that you can draw or put a picture on and then tell a little about what Chester did with your family. Have fun.

## Happy Birthday

Reese's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Finn's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 9<sup>th</sup>

Willa R's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Seth's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 13<sup>th</sup>

Connor's  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday on the 21<sup>st</sup>

We will be celebrating each child's birthday as close as we can to their day (or  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday, if their birthday is in the summer). Your child may bring a special birthday treat for snack that day. Many parents like to come on that day to have snack with the class and read a story of your child's choosing before we go outside. Please let me know if you would like to come. Thanks.

## Looking Ahead

"Star of the Week" will begin in January. Your child will be assigned a week to be the "Star". They can bring a poster with pictures etc. to display on the special bulletin board. They also can bring show and tell everyday that they are the "Star". I will be the "Star" the first week and will send home the schedule before winter break. The schedule will also be posted on the star bulletin board and you will get a reminder note the week before it is your child's turn. Let me know if you have any questions.

Also, we will be making life size drawings of the children to display when they are the "Star". This takes time and volunteers, so please sign up if you can help.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS