

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Room #104 - Mrs. Jordan

Dear Parents,

It was so nice to talk to all of you at conferences; you are raising a great group of children. I hope everyone had a nice, restful and safe Thanksgiving.

Themes:

- **Holidays around the world:**
We will follow *Globe Trot Scott* as he travels around the world to celebrate different holiday traditions. He will help us learn about each location and suggest a souvenir to make or a tasty treat to try. We will share our own family traditions and experiences to identify similarities and differences with our classmates and others around the world.
- **Gingerbread People:** We will be reading a variety of gingerbread stories during the month of December. These fun books are a great way for us to learn about characters, predicting, retelling, and comparing differences and similarities

Countries - We will be reading stories and talking about England, France, Holland, Mexico, Australia, Italy, Israel, Sweden, America, Russia and Germany. We will discuss where they are and what the weather is like in December.

Walking through the Alphabet- We will be learning the alphabet throughout the year, the letters will change monthly. We will look for the letters in our classroom, in books and magazines as well as talking about how each letter sounds. We will focus on words that begin with the letter we are working on. The children have been very good at coming up with words that start with these letters, we have been making a list each month. This month we will focus on the letters Ff, Oo & Cc

Show & Tell / Sharing Day - Wednesday, December 9th will be our next show & tell day. Please have your child bring something that starts with a Ff, Oo or Cc. They can bring one item per letter if they want.

Dramatic Play- Our dramatic play area will become an airplane where the children can pretend to be a traveler, flight attendant, pilot, co-pilot etc.

Happy Birthday - Finn's $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday on the 8th

Birthdays are special and a great time to talk about how it feels to be older. Your child may bring a special birthday treat for snack that day and a book of your child's choosing for me to read to the class.

Winter Clothes- We go outside to play every day unless it is raining or dangerously cold. Our goal is to independently get ready to go outside. Please work with your child at home to encourage independence when putting on outerwear. At school we practice putting all the articles of outdoor clothing on in this order: Snow pants, Boots, Coat, Hat/scarf, Mittens - always go on last!

Important Dates:

Dec. 1st - Wednesday - Picture Day

Dec. 9th -Wednesday - Show & Tell

Tuesday Dec 21st - 1st day of winter

Mon. Dec. 20th - Thurs. Dec. 30th - Preschool Closed for Winter Break

Looking Ahead -I think we are all looking forward to 2022 and what it might bring ☺

"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 can bring show and tell every day that they are the "Star". I will be the "Star" the first week and will send home the schedule before winter break; you will get a reminder note the week before it is your child's turn. Let me know if you have any questions.

Also, in the past I have had parents come into the classroom to help us make life size drawings of the children to display when they are the "Star". I'm hoping this year you don't mind making them at home and bringing to school when your child is the Star. Here is how it works: I will send home with your child the large paper for you to trace your child onto, I will send wrapping paper that they have picked out for a shirt, pants or dress (you are more than welcome to use other paper that you might have at home too), yarn for them to use for hair and eyes. I hope you have fun doing this project with your child. I will send you all a few pictures of what children have done in the past.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can message me through Brightwheel or email me at sjordan@lakeharrietumpreschool.org

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

