

December

Dear Families,

As we enter the holiday season, we begin to see the excitement on the children's faces as they and their families prepare for their special holiday celebration. This month we will be discussing various holidays, with a special focus on Hanukkah and Christmas. We will read stories, listen to music, complete art projects, and discover similarities and differences in each other's holiday traditions. We will also begin to discuss the coming of winter and animals that hibernate.

Now that the weather has gotten colder (and snowier), please remember to send your child with boots and snowpants, as well as hats, gloves or mittens. We will be going outside every day, weather permitting. Also, please make sure that your child has an extra sweater or sweatshirt to leave at school.

We also have some special events planned for December. On Wednesday, December 3rd, we will have Dave Herzog's marionette show. On Friday, December 19th, we will be having our classroom holiday party and pajama day. If you would like to send treats, please make sure that they are nut free. We have 8 children in the Busy Bee room. Also, please have your child wear their favorite cozy pjs (we will not be changing so, please make sure that they are warm enough for outside). **Our last day of school will be on Tuesday, December 23rd, and we will return on Monday, January 5th, 2026!** Have a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year!

Best,
Heather





December Curriculum

<u>Language Arts</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Winter, Holidays, Hibernation *Alphabet – Kk, Ll, Mm *Journals *December Books and fingerplays *Nursery Rhyme – Jack Be Nimble
<u>Math</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Number – 11, 12, 13 *Shape - Triangle *Graphing *AABB Pattern *Estimation *More Than, Less Than
<u>Science</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Color - Green *Weather changes *Snow and Ice *Hibernation
<u>Social Studies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Holiday Traditions *Family and Foods *Giving
<u>Art</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Letter/Number of the Week *Self Portrait *Holiday Crafts *Easel painting and dot painting *Clay
<u>Music and Movement</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Alphabet Song *Phonics Song *Month of the Year Song *Holiday Songs/Fingerplays *Games *Outdoor Play/Exercise/Dance
<u>Health</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Nutrition *Personal Hygiene *Self Help Skills (zip, button, etc.)
<u>Technology</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Books on CD/YouTube Music and Movement