

December 2007 Newsletter



December's Theme

The theme for the month of December is "Discovering how good it feels to share". The children will be learning about how important it is to share especially during this time of the year. Although it can be quite a task to teach them something outside of their "world", it is important for our children to understand that there are others less fortunate in the world than we are. The children will also be busy preparing for the Holiday Season and our Christmas Program.



Mark Your Calendar

December 7 – Puppet Times with Christy Lipps Christmas Show at 9:30 am

December 14 - Christmas Program at 9:30 am in the Olive United Methodist Church. Children must be in school by 7:00 am. Notices will be sent out with more information.

December 17 through 19 – Ms. Tasha will be off island; Ms. Tina to substitute for her.

December 18 - Children's Christmas Party. Secret Santa Book Exchange due today.

December 19 – Last day of school before winter break.

December 20 through **January 1**- Winter Break. School is closed.

January 2 - Classes resume.

Secret Santa Book Exchange

Each year as part of our theme of sharing, the children will pull a classmates name from a bowl and give him/her a wrapped book on December 18th. This activity will help the children understand how good it feels to give and receive something from their friend. Parents will be notified by note of who your child picked and what the dollar limit is as well as other important information. So look out for the notices in your child's mailbox.



Christmas Program

This year our Christmas Program will be on December 14th, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. The Dynamic Dolphins will be doing a short rendition of the Nativity Scene. We may be asking for assistance regarding costume sewing if we find that we need more. The Precious Piglets and Silly Seals will also be preparing a few Christmas songs to sing and dance to. Look out for more information about this wonderful event in notices posted in your child's classroom.

Mahalo!

A great big Mahalo goes out to all of the families and friends who attended and prepared the dishes for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon. The food was delicious and the attendance was great. This year was the best of all. There were a lot of people catching up on old times and just enjoying each others company. The children made such beautiful centerpieces which they were very delighted to take home and their songs that they memorized were great! Our staff is so thankful for each and every one of you. Seeing all of you sharing and celebrating this wonderful occasion with us is the best gift we could ever ask for.

Flu and Cold Season

The flu and cold season is here as evidence of the absentee rates this past month. The following are some tips that you can use to help prevent the spread of unwanted germs:

- ✿ Always wash your hands when assisting your child with wiping his nose. Have your child wash his hands as well.
- ✿ Remind your child to cover his coughs and sneezes and to use a tissue to clean his nose. Using his t-shirt to clean his nose is very dirty especially when your child comes in contact with furniture, other people, etc. Change your child's shirt if that ever happens. Your child should also wash his/her hands after coughing or sneezing.
- ✿ When entering and exiting school, have your child wash his hands. You can also do this at home. This helps prevent the germs from home and elsewhere from coming into school and vice versa.
- ✿ On a weekly basis we make sure we sanitize all of the toys at school. If your child shares toys with a sibling or other family members and friends, it's a good idea to disinfect the toys periodically. A simple solution of 1 Tablespoon bleach to 1 quart of water in a sink will help to disinfect your child's toys. Air dry.
- ✿ For more information you can log onto www.cdc.gov.



Merry Christmas