Mark Your Calendar!

Mon., Dec. 17 – K Winter Party 9:30
Wed., Dec. 18 – K Caroling Trip
Wed., Dec. 19 – Polar Express Day
Dec. 20-Jan. 6 – Winter Break

One Last Thing...

I hope you enjoyed our holiday program as much as we enjoyed preparing it for you! The children did an amazing job and they were so excited to see everyone! Check the website for pictures. This is our last newsletter 2018. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday! We will see you back January 7, 2019! ☺

Happy Holidays!

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Our Week in Review:

In shared reading, we finished our gingerbread stories and began an author study of Jan Brett. Jan Brett is the author and illustrator of many fun Christmas books and other stories as well. She carefully details the illustrations in her stories with borders that predict and sometimes even tell an additional story of what is happening. We learned new vocabulary, discussed predictions and story elements as we read her stories. In centers, we completed assessments and continued to work with short vowel games, and sight words games. We also wrote about what we would write if we wrote a story like Jan Brett.

In math, we considered strategies and tools for solving problems as we read stories and worked together to solve related problems.

Next week, our class will be working on these "I Can" statements:
-I can tell about the elements in a story.
-I can find the important information in a story problem and solve it.
-I can write the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
-I can tell about winter holidays in my country.

For Your Information...

-Our class party will be on Monday, Dec. 17 from 9:30-10:20. We can't wait to decorate gingerbread houses and enjoy one another!
-We are excited about our field trip on Tuesday! We are ready to go caroling!
-Our special viewing of "The Polar Express" movie is coming on Wednesday, Dec. 19! The children may wear their pajamas this day. This is in coordination with our support of the American Cancer Society. We are asking for donations of $1 to go to the American Cancer Society. Please see the flier in your take-home folder for more information.

Compassion...

We are learning about compassion this month at school! It means caring enough to do something about someone else’s need. Thank you for helping to practice this with our food drive, coat drive, and book drive!

Books we read:

- Twas the Night Before Christmas (Jan Brett)
- Who's That Knocking on Christmas Eve
- Christmas Trolls
- The Wild Christmas Reindeer
- Gingerbread Christmas

Homework Time!

During the break, have your child keep a daily journal about all that is happening at your home. Spend time reading together, playing board games and card games, and have a wonderful time with family!