

December News

Mrs. Rutkowski & Ms. Janine

With Thanksgiving behind us, we are moving onto the holidays of Hanukkah and Christmas. Thank you all for the prompt conferences. We look forward to a great year.

Our Gingerbread house night is Thursday, December 6. It is always a crazy fun night. Don't forget your icing!

This is a night for the kids, no other siblings and only one grown-up due to space restrictions. We will be in our classroom. If you signed up for items, thanks!

We are starting off December with finishing our unit on The Gingerbread Man stories, then move onto the seasonal themes of Hanukkah..., followed by Christmas and how all people celebrate the season. We will continue to accent our letters, counting. Our month concludes with the Polar Express theme.

The Holiday celebration will be on December 20. All children are invited regardless of whether it's their scheduled day. The arrival time would be 9 a.m. and pick up at 12:30 ... since we will be having a Polar express Pajama party!!!

There will be pancakes and cookies and hot chocolate. We will do all the cooking in class. We will ask for items to sign up and be brought in before December 14th. It will be topped off with visit from santa!

Remember the excitement of the season is magnified for four year olds. We will be learning about waiting, patience, kindness and generosity in our class and hopefully these lessons will help at home as well.

We would like to remind you that in spite of chilly weather we still go outdoors and your child needs mittens and hat, we stay out and they get cold. Some students are still in need of warm change of clothes.

ALSO, please be aware that during the winter colds and viruses are rampant and despite our best efforts to "wash hands, wash hands" sometimes home may be the best place if your child could be contagious to others. I understand it's often difficult but I trust your parental instincts.

The Holiday and Dec. Scholastic book are available online and orders placed online by Dec.9 to put in for delivery in time for gifts and holiday, please place orders or return with checks. Our online activation code is **GZ67P** at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs.

May the coming days be filled with excitement and joy, enough to find peace and happiness for the New Year.

Ms. Janine and I want to wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season.