

Happy December everyone!! Can't believe it's already here!! The children are all excited for this month. On December 5th the school will be decorating the pine tree in the front of the school with treats for all our woodland friends and singing songs.

The students will start to explore word families and blended sounds with fun games and activities. In math we will learn more about the 10s and even start learning about greater than and less than, which will come in handy when we play our dreidel game. Hanukkah starts on the 3rd. We will learn all about the Festival of Lights. Check out our giant Menorah we made for the cafeteria. We will also be exploring how different countries celebrate the holidays like St. Nickolas Day on the 5th and St. Lucia's Day 12th.

The students will be participating in a Pollyanna. I am sending blank puppet home and a small survey of the child they picked. Use all kinds of materials to decorate the puppet. We will also keep a box of material for anyone to use in the coat area. Glue guns are good to use! I ask that you wrap the puppet in paper or a bag and bring it back to school by Monday December 17th. Please encourage your child to keep the secret of who they have (I know it can be hard).

Thursday **December 20** will be our holiday party. The class has voted on a Breakfast/brunch PJ party. We will make some pancakes and eat other tasty treats. That will also be the day we exchange our puppets. I will put a sign up sheet for party next week.

School will be closed from the December 24 to January 1. We wish you all a very happy holidays and Happy New Years!