

**The Beechwood
School**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Parents,

How exciting it is that a brand new year is already here. We just can't wait to begin!

We think that the whole class would agree that December was a wonderful month. We celebrated the very special holidays of Hanukkah and Christmas and a very merry time was had by all. Making Merry Marshmallows was a culinary hit with the children, and spinning around the room pretending to be dreidels had them giggling with glee. The children also had lots of fun decorating Gingerbread boys and girls with all kinds of yummy candy – of course we had to sample the candy while creating. Our “Trim-a-Tree” Sing-A-Long was lots of fun. We were so proud of the children as they enthusiastically sang our special songs then took a much deserved bow. Of course, the visit from Santa put a happy smile on everyone's face!



We introduced a new game this month called “The Name Game”. We show the children their names, one at a time, ask if they are a boy or a girl, and then everyone sings and claps while singing to the tune of BINGO...

There is a very special girl (boy)
And Betsy is her name-o
B-E-T-S-Y B-E-T-S-Y B-E-T-S-Y
And Betsy is her name-o.

In January we'll be talking about the chilly season of Winter. We'll learn that Winter is so cold that it can snow, and that some animals, like the bear, hibernate in winter -- a nice long nap sounds great to us!!!

Have a Happy and Joyous New Year!
Mrs. Ehrlich and Mrs. Romero

P.S. We will be going outside as much as possible so please continue to dress your child in hats and mittens. – Thank you.