



News From the KS Classroom

December 12th, 2011



Important Dates and Reminders

- **The K-3 Winter Concert** is tomorrow night, **December 13th** at 6:30 p.m. Children should meet in our classroom at 6:10p.m. Concert appropriate attire is requested.
- Please remember your **donations** for the **Red Stocking** food baskets. A notice was sent home the week before last requesting **2 jars of peanut butter**, per family. If you have not already brought it in, please do so by **Wednesday, December 14th**.
- The Red Stocking Bazaar will be held in the cafeteria on December 22nd from 8:30 – 10:30a.m.. You are welcome to join us on Thursday during our allotted time (usually sometime between 8:30 and 9am) but you may have to close your eyes or go away for a bit when your gift is picked. The proceeds from this bazaar help families in need at the holidays.. We ask that, if possible, each child bring in **\$4 - \$5** for holiday shopping. The children love to shop and feel so proud when they can buy a gift for all the special people on their list.. Please **make a list with your child of who they might like to buy for (4-5 people at the most)** and send it in so that we may help them. Please send the money in by Wednesday 12/21 in order to have it all ready on Thursday morning.
- School closes on December 23rd at 2:40p.m. for the holiday break and reopens on Tuesday, January 3rd.
- The temperature has dropped. Please be sure to dress children warmly. **Hats, mittens and a warm jacket** are a must on the playground!

Tis the Season!

With Christmas and Hanukkah approaching we will be reading books and participating in various activities centered around this magical time. We will be talking and learning about the season of giving, as well as the history of how and where many of today's traditions began.

I will be setting the pretend center up as "Grandma's Kitchen" over the next couple of days. Here, the children will have fun making "cookies" out of gingerbread scented playdough, holiday cards and decorations. If you have anything you would like to contribute to help make it look festive (old stockings, menorah, decorations, extra cards, cookie cutters, baking sheets, etc.) or have any ideas you would like to contribute, I welcome them. In the months ahead, if there is anyone who would like to turn the pretend center into something other than a house or decorate it for the seasons, please let me know. Parents have had fun with this in the past.

Next week:

- We will be sharing our family's holiday traditions and writing about them. Please send in a photo of your child participating in some way in your family's holiday traditions (a visit to Santa, trimming the tree, lighting the menorah, making cookies, anything that shows something your family does to celebrate the holidays). This can be a picture from previous years.
- To celebrate the season, we will be making gingerbread houses in our classroom (actually they will be made out of graham crackers ☺). I will send home specific requests for candy donations in the next couple of days.

Hope you all have a very nice week.. The holiday countdown has begun...deep breaths! ☺