



The Pre-School Gazette

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Season Greetings! Welcome to the December Edition of the Pre-School Gazette. As always we hope this Edition finds you in good health.

December is here and what an exciting month to look forward to! We will be concentrating on experiencing the Holiday Season through our senses. We learn about the feelings, texture, colors, and smells(cinnamon, pine) and the symbols(candles, stars, bells) that make this part of the year so special. Somehow (Ha! Ha!). The children know all about Santa and the gift giving part of Christmas and they don't seem to need any extra stimulation in this area.

- Writing a Letter to Santa:

Engaging preschoolers in writing a letter to Santa can be a joyful and educational experience. This tradition encourages children to grapple with how to express their wishes and feelings to Santa. And, deciding what presents

to ask Santa for from Santa stimulates their creative thinking. Children are compelled to tap into their creative minds when they contemplate their desires, decide how best to express them, and what promises to make in return. This fosters creativity but also improves problem-solving skills as they weigh their choices and make decisions.

In this age of instant texts, our children are losing the ability to compose a letter. The letter-writing process is golden opportunity to educate your child about their home address, phone number, how to properly address someone, the importance of good printing, and letter layout.

Here are some key components to include in your letter to St. Nick:

Opening Greetings: Start the letter with friendly greeting to Santa. Let them choose one like ' Dear Santa ' or Hello Santa. **Personal Details:** Have them introduce themselves. They should mention their name and age. Next, you can encourage

them Santa about their behavior throughout the year. They can share an instance when they were particularly good or helpful. **Desired Gifts:** Now comes the exciting part -asking for gifts! Have them name or draw or cut out pictures of the presents they wish to receive. Ensure that they understand it's a wish list and receiving all of them may not be possible.

Closing remarks: They can wind up the letter with a thank you note and a cheerful goodbye like 'thank you, Santa! Goodbye! Or Merry Christmas! Your child can make the letter even more special by decorating it with colorful stickers, glitter, or drawings. Many local post offices and stores have special mailboxes for Santa letters around Christmas. Some even offer a 'reply' from Santa service, adding to the magic! If you don't mail it, remember to save these letters as they can become precious keepsakes when he child grows older. They serve as beautiful memories of their childhood beliefs, wishes, and innocence. We will be reviewing some of our favorite nursery rhymes, **Jingle Bells, Santa coming to Town, Reindeer Hokey Pokey.**

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Welcome to all the new families who have joined the 3Rs family



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DECEMBER CALENDAR 2024



Schedule of Events

- 12/01/24 - World AID's Day
- 12/07/24- Pearl Harbor Day
- 12/21/24- First Day of Winter
- 12/24/24 Christmas Eve 1/2day
- 12/25/2024 Hanukkah 01/2/25
- 12/25/24- Christmas Day
- 12/26/24 01/01/25-Kwanzaa
- 12/26/24-01/03/25 - Center Closed
- 01/06/25- Center reopen



With sparkly decorations, delicious treats and special gifts all around us, no wonder the holiday season is always an exciting time for children. When there is so much joy in the air, it's the perfect time for families to get inspired by Santa's tradition of giving and to awaken the true spirit of the holidays. Simply follow these easy tips to spread the joy of "Santa's Cause" throughout the year.

Introduce "Santa's Cause" with a family movie night. Spark family conversations that inspire a positive holiday spirit. "The Search for Santa Paws" is an uplifting movie about the power of giving, and the true meaning of Christmas.

Celebrate Little Acts of Kindness: Encourage children to think of a favorite family member or friend they haven't spoken to recently. The en-

tire household can join in on the call as a reminder of your love and how much you care.

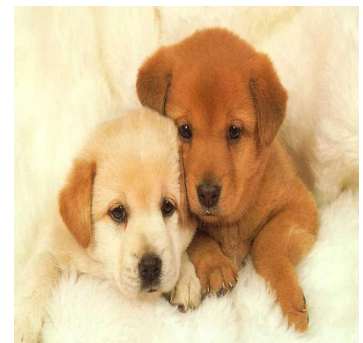
Celebrate Holiday Decorations: With a little bit of creativity, the family can put together some fun and easy decorations that will put the holiday spirit on display in your home.

Celebrate Gratitude: One way is to remind children to give thanks for everything they are thankful for and let their thankfulness fill them with kindness towards others.

Celebrate Giving: If not a family member (s), there are charities that could always use help. Nothing brings people together like helping others.

Celebrate Holiday Songs: Do you know any people whose day could be brightened if you were to sing a favorite song for them.

Celebrate your Pet: After watching all the cuddly little puppies in the search for Santa Paws, you'll be inspired to outfit your own pet with something fun for the season. Start with grooming, a bright new holiday collar, or a holiday decoration to an existing collar.



DECEMBER POEM:

The Mousie

A Mousie got into
a great Christmas Pie,
Two little boys heard
him, and then they
did cry, "O Mousie!
O Mousie Come quickly away!
That pie is not
for you 'tis for
our Christmas day."

Recipe of the Month for your Pet

December is an exciting month with holidays to celebrate. A fun family activity that is good for our furry friends is making treats for animals.

1 1/2 cups gluten- free old fashioned rolled oats.

1/2 cup natural peanut butter.

1 large ripe banana(or 2 medium bananas), smashed

Preheat the oven to 350 F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Have a grown up blitz the old -Fashioned rolled oats in a blender until you have fine flour. In a large mixing bowl, smash the peanut butter and ripe banana. Add the oat flour and smash with a fork until the dough is thick and well combined. If it is crumbly, add 2-4 Tablespoons more peanut butter and recombine. You want the dough to be firm, sticky, and pliable. Roll dough into a thin slab, about,1/4 inch thick, and cut into shapes with a cookie cutter. Alternatively, you can roll them into 1 Tablespoon balls and flatten with your hands for a simple circular cookie. Bake for 15 minutes until lightly brown underneath. Cool for 15 minutes before sampling. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday
to the following staff and
students celebrating
December birthdays:

Children
12/9 Treasure
12/30 Kaiser



Quote

OF THE MONTH

If you catch yourself rushing around the house, try to pause, Take a deep breath, and notice what is happening in the mo-



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Where learning is an adventure.



3Rs Child Development is a community-based child care center located in Jackson, TN

Our mission is to provide child care in a safe, comfortable and clean environment with an educational program that relates to the traditional three R's.

3Rs Child Development Center will provide a learning environment specific to each child's social, intellectual, cognitive and multicultural need. The center will be sensitive to every child's background and learning ab. 3R's strives to build self-esteem, character and will enhance reading, writing, and arithmetic using our own creative projects and curriculum.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR PRESCHOOL Ms. Yessica Class

The Student of the Month
is
Saylor

Our focus in Toddler is as follows:

- Teaching the children to be independent, loving, kind, social and problem solvers.

Our lessons include the following:

- Finger plays.
- Counting
- Music

Congratulations, Saylor is in Miss Yessica class, Saylor we are happy you are a part of the OLT family.

