

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Things that we did the week of November 29

- A brand new month brings us a few **new changes**...like...new seats again!!! We now are looking for our last names again, practicing our letters, and soon we'll be writing our first names all by ourselves! As I told the children, don't panic if they are unable to make the letters. Many of the letters we haven't even introduced yet and the goal is to just become familiar with seeing the name in print and attempting to write on our own. We help at school as much as possible, but reviewing at home is extra important too. A big thank you to **Gabby & Sydney's Mom** for making green and red playdoh for our new holiday colors this month! It turned out great!!!
- **Excitement** filled the air this week as we talked about the winter snow season, counted the days until our all school Christmas Program, 4K Christmas Program/Gingerbread House Day, Christmas Party, and of course Santa's arrival!!! (It's been quite challenging, to say the least, keeping everyone on task and focused with all these fun things ahead!)
- The **letter Rr** was the center of attention this week. We practiced tracing/writing Rr, learned its sound and signs, saw Mrs. Schaefer's Secret Rr Box, learned a few new reindeer songs, danced to the "Reindeer Pokey", had reindeer relay races, did several reindeer projects, made/ate our own reindeer snack, and ended with Sharing Day Rr/Riddle on Friday. We even got to watch parts of "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and make our very own food for the Santa's reindeer!!!
- **Number 5** was introduced as well this week. We counted to 5 by doing different actions and practiced tracing and writing 5. We'll continue with number 5 throughout the month and do our number 5 page for our number book too! Number 5 isn't that scary to make if we use our funny words when we write: Make a small number 1, put Santa's belly on, and then put on his hat!

OUR PROJECTS

- Small Triangle Reindeer
- Large Triangle Reindeer
- Candy Cane Reindeer
- Handprint Reindeer
- Rectangle Christmas tree
- Christmas tree (dot paint)
- Christmas tree (handprint)



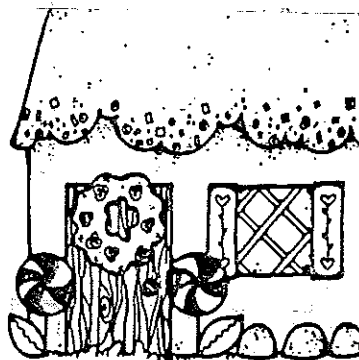
OUR BOOKS

Samantha's Reindeer

The Wild Christmas Reindeer

Imogene's Antlers

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 7 **PTG Meeting 6:30 PM PLEASE COME!**
- December 8 **Parent Ornament Lunch**
- December 8 **School Board Meeting 6:00 PM**
- December 13 **Coloring Book Due for the PTG Basket Fund Raiser**
- December 16 **4K AFTERNOON SESSION 12:25–3:15 PM**
(Information attached)
- December 16 **4K-8 Christmas Program 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM**
- December 21 **4K PM CLASS Christmas Party**
(Please remember to send in a gift marked BOY or GIRL!)
- December 22 **4K XMAS Program/Gingerbread House 9:30 AM**
(More information attached)
- December 23 **4K AM CLASS Christmas Party**
(Please remember to send in a gift marked BOY or GIRL!)
- December 23 **NO SCHOOL - 4K PM CLASS ONLY**
- December 24- **No School Christmas Vacation**
- January 2
- January 3 **School Resumes**

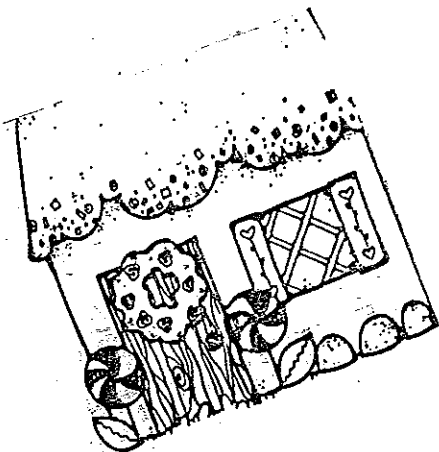
SPECIAL NOTES

IMPORTANT The bus company has been contacted about the afternoon 4K session on December 16th 12:25 PM-3:15 PM. You will need to contact the bus company if you would like to know the approximate time the bus will pick up in the afternoon. (I recommend calling *no earlier* than December 13th because they need time to receive our bus information sheets from **AM CLASS ONLY** and figure out the new route for that day.)

4K CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/GINGERBREAD HOUSE

On Wednesday, December 22nd we will be having a short 4K program during class time. At the end of the program, you will do a special art project with your child (gingerbread houses). The start time is **9:15 AM** and we expect to be done within 45 minutes-hour. The children are free to leave with you at the end or they can stay and finish out the regular day. Due to the nature of the art project, if younger children attend, please have someone available to watch them during the art project, as you will be busy with your 4K child. We realize that there are many requests this December month. Therefore, I will be donating the candy for the gingerbread houses. If you still would like to donate as well, please remember it's optional, but your contributions are greatly appreciated! THANKS!

**Have a wonderful *cold and snowy*
first December weekend
everyone!**



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