



4's Focus!!



Mayflower Preschool

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Issue 4

Welcome Winter & the Holidays!!

During December...

The two of us continue to be floored as to how quickly this year is flying by us all! December??!! It just seems impossible to us that we have already had three months with your little one in class!! To see how far each and every one of them has come is so rewarding and we find ourselves looking forward to see what (s)he will accomplish next. We will start the month off with our Polar Express unit and then dive right into "Decking the Halls" where we definitely get festive around here! The month will culminate with our gingerbread house decorating party on the 17th where the children will have a little performance for you to enjoy! A busy, but very exciting, few weeks here in the classroom that will keep your kiddos on their toes and smiling!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

No December birthdays



In the Spirit of Giving...

While planning our December themes, the teachers here at Mayflower decided to select a local charity to support this season and Kids Food Basket was our choice. This organization was started in 2001 and ensures that over 1,500 children from 14 area schools receive adequate nutrition at home once the school day is over. Donations will be accepted here in our classroom through Dec. 19th. Thanks!!

Candy Assignments!!

With our gingerbread house party just around the corner (**Mon, Dec 17th**), we would appreciate your help by sending in these items and a tub of white frosting by Friday the 14th:

Addy: Gumdrops **Henry:** gummy bears **Jack W:** Life cereal

Olivia: M&M's **Will:** Chocolate chips

Andrew: Skittles **Jack J:** Small candy canes

Ellie: Round peppermint candies **Michael:** Froot loops cereal

Sloan: Red licorice **Sam:** Teddy grahams

Tripp: Chocolate kisses **Neela:** Sticks of gum

Ari: Red hots **Caroline:** Pretzel sticks **Dallas:** Lifesavers

Monthly Character Trait

Every month at Mayflower a character trait is introduced and focused on throughout daily instruction and routines. During the month of December we will be talking about **GIVING**. As mentioned above, Mayflower decided to choose a local charity to which we could donate needed items during this special time of the year. We will introduce this charity to your child in class this week and explain why it is so very important to give to others when we are able to. We hope to help your child make the connection between giving & "bucket filling" ... giving to others not only helps fill their bucket, but fills ours as well with feelings of pride and thoughtfulness. For more information on our chosen charity, please visit www.kidsfoodbasket.org

Dec. Snack Schedule!

Please see attached snack Calendar

This Month's Highlights

Nov. 26th-Nov.30th... Dinosaur Unit! Letter "I"

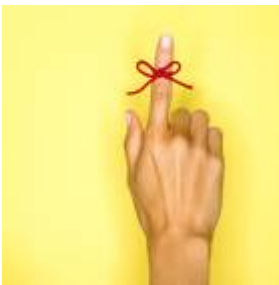
Dec. 3rd-7th Polar express! Letter "J"

Dec. 10th-14th Deck the Halls! Letter "K"

Dec. 17th-19th Gingerbread week! Letter "L"
Gingerbread party on the 17th and pajama day on the 19th! Holiday break starts after school on the 19th , we resume on January 7th!

Student Reminders:

- Our next **show & tell**: **Wed., Dec. 19th** due to **Gingerbread party**
- While you are home over Christmas try to practice writing your name (even your last name if you want) at least once every day!!



Parent Reminders:

A few things to keep in mind for the month:

1. With inclement weather on the horizon, please keep in mind that Mayflower closes independently of EGR, FH and GRPS. Please check school closings on Wood TV 8 or WZZM channel 13. Thank you!!
2. **Jan. 10th**: Mayflower Open House, 6:30-7:30 pm, early enrollment for current families Jan. 11th. **January 14th** **Mayflower enrollment for next year!**

Upcoming Important Events!

December 19th...All Kids Food Basket donations due!

Monday, December 17th... We look forward to seeing you, or a special friend (grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc), in our classroom today while your child decorates his/her own gingerbread houses. Please come to the classroom at: **10:00 a.m.** ready for some fun! Due to the size of our classroom and the craziness this day will bring, please no siblings. Thank you very much and don't forget your cameras!

Wednesday, December 19th ... Please have your child dress in his/her coziest pajamas and slippers/fuzzy socks since we will be hopping on a train to experience our very own ride on the Polar Express!

WE WILL SEE YOU ALL BACK AT SCHOOL IN 2019!!!

Thank You Students & Parents!

During this season filled with friends, family, thanks and giving, the two of us wanted to express once again how much we appreciate all that you do for us and your children on a daily basis. We are so thankful to have your child with us in our classroom and can not thank you enough for allowing us to help your little one grow into the 4/5 year old (s)he is becoming! To be teaching in a community where parental involvement is as active as it is here is so rewarding... not just to us, but to your child as well. So... thank you for being such great parents and for continuing to encourage your child to create, to question, to wonder, to imagine, to color, to read and to write as (s)he continues his/her journey through preschool!