



Cathedral House Monthly News December 2009

Brrrrr.....

December is all about atmospheres, as we begin our theme learning about the weather, gravity and clouds. Why does it rain? What makes it snow? Children will explore what happens on Earth as well as the difference in the atmosphere in outer space.

Family Vacations

If your child will be out of school during the month of December, please let the front desk know.



From all of us to all of you...

We would like to thank all of our Cathedral House families for their generosity this Holiday season. May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of love at Christmas and always!

**Cathedral House
Staff**

Important Dates

December 17th -
Holiday Program
at 5:30 p.m.

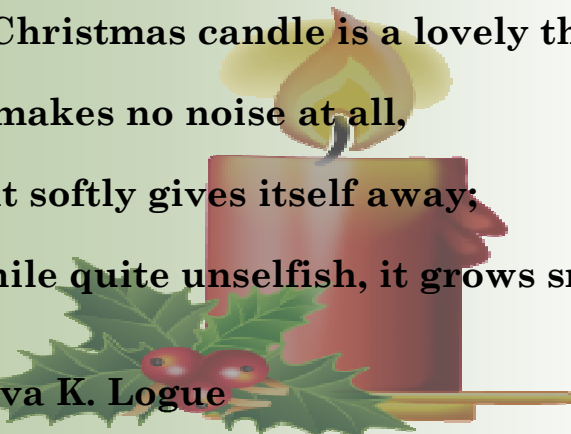
December 18th -
Children's Class-
room Parties

December 24th -
January 1st , 2010
School Closed

Monday, January
4, 2010 -
School is open;
Welcome Back!!

A Christmas candle is a lovely thing;
It makes no noise at all,
But softly gives itself away;
While quite unselfish, it grows small.

- Eva K. Logue



Administrative News

Family Feast

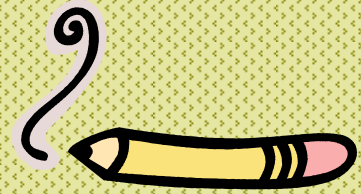


Thank you so much for making our Family Feast such a success. It is always a delight to have our Cathedral House family all together. Everyone enjoyed the scrumptious dishes and we really appreciate your participation!

Classroom Parties

Our students will enjoy their annual holiday classroom parties on Friday, December 18th.

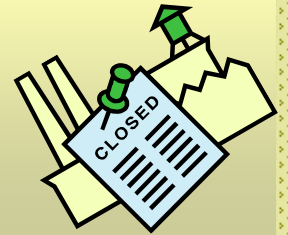
Sign-up sheets will soon be posted.



Winter Break

Cathedral House will be **CLOSED**: Thursday, December 24th - Friday, January 1st. We will reopen on Monday, January 4th.

Enjoy your time with your family!



Cold Weather

Children enjoy going outside daily even as the weather gets colder. Please check your child's cubby for

appropriate extra clothes. Hats, gloves, and scarves are welcomed additions.



Staying Healthy

At this time of year, we begin to see many different illnesses in children. Please help us to minimize the spread by:

- Alerting school administration ASAP so Parent Alerts can be posted in a timely manner
- Taking home bedding to be washed weekly and as needed
- Keeping your child home if he/she is running a fever of 100.4 or higher until he/she is fever-free without Tylenol or Motrin for a full 24 hours
- Bringing prescribed medications in their original containers. (Most pharmacies will divide the script into two containers so you can keep one at home and send one to school).
- Understanding that we do not administer over the counter medications at this time

*Summer fading, winter comes—
Frosty mornings, tingling thumbs
- Robert Louis Stevenson*



CHES's 23 days before Winter Break....

(to the tune of the 12 days of Christmas)

Nursery I

23 days before Winter Break Ms. Cynthia said to me, "Let's use your feet to make a turkey!"



Nursery II

22 days before Winter Break Ms. Angel said to me, "Let's paint and sing about the weather, and Let's use your feet to make a turkey!"



Movement I

21 days before Winter Break Ms. Terri said to me, "Let's work on our fine motor and read a good book, Let's paint and sing about the weather, and Let's use your feet to make a turkey!"



Movement II

20 days before Winter Break Ms. Virginia said to me, "Make your own turkeys, Let's work on our fine motor and read a good book, Let's paint and sing about the weather and Let's use your feet to make a turkey!"



Toddler I

19 days before Winter Break Ms. Patty said to me, "Let's glitter the estrellas (stars) and make a thankful necklace, Let's make our own turkeys, Let's work on our fine motor and read a good book, Let's paint and sing about the weather, and Let's use your feet to make a turkey!"



Toddler II

18 days before Winter Break Ms. Avelon said to me, "Let's make cornucopias, Let's glitter the estrellas (stars) and make a thankful necklace, Let's make our own turkeys, Let's work on our fine motor and read a good book, Let's paint and sing about the weather and Let's use your feet to make a turkey!"



Primary I

17 days before Winter Break Ms. Maria said to me, “Color the astronauts, Let’s make cornucopias, Let’s glitter the estrellas (stars) and make a thankful necklace, Let’s make our own turkeys, Let’s work on our fine motor and read a good book, Let’s paint and sing about the weather and Let’s use your feet to make a turkey!”



Primary II

16 days before Winter Break Ms. Kathy said to me, “Listen to the guest readers, Color the astronauts, Let’s make cornucopias, Let’s glitter the estrellas (stars) and make a thankful necklace, Let’s make our own turkeys, Let’s work on our fine motor and read a good book, Let’s paint and sing about the weather and Let’s use your feet to make a turkey!”



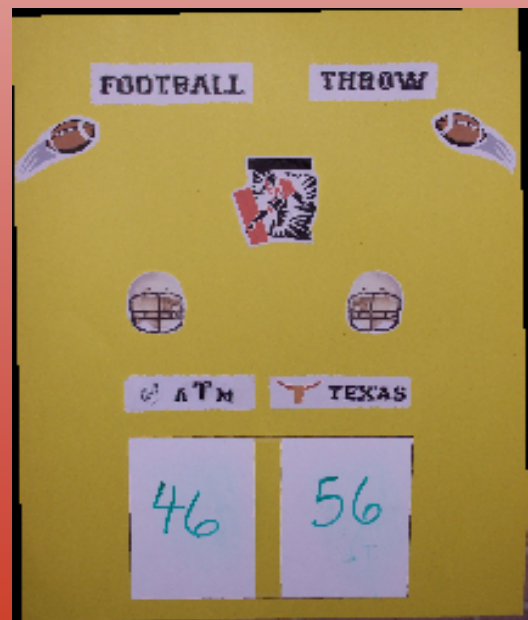
Kindergarten

15 days before Winter Break Ms. Sherri said to me, "Let's make our own stars, Listen to the guest readers, Color the astronauts, Let's make cornucopias, Let's glitter the estrellas (stars) and make a thankful necklace, Let's make our own turkeys, Let's work on our fine motor and read a good book, Let's paint and sing about the weather and Let's use your feet to make a turkey!"



In case you missed the final score for Kindergarten's football toss booth during the Fall Festival, the final score showed Texas on top by 10!

Hook 'em Horns!!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Colton B. - December 2nd - 1 year old

Luke P. - December 3rd - 3 years old

Samuel B. - December 7th - 5 years old

Henry E. - December 13th - 4 years old

Vivienne F. - December 19th - 2 years old

Remy B. - December 20th - 4 years old

Elle H. - December 23rd - 1 year old

Landon F. - December 27th - 5 years old

Genevieve H. - December 28th - 2 years old

Julia M. - December 29th - 4 years old

Max D. - December 29th - 5 years old

CATHEDRAL STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Lupe Lopez - December 12th

Monica Torres - December 28th

Maritza Moreno - December 30th



Holiday Program



What to Know....

- Program is Thursday, December 17th - 5:30 pm - about an hour in length.
- Family and Friends are invited.
- List of costume needs will be listed in your child's classroom. Costumes need to arrive at school no later than Tuesday, December 15th.
- The holiday program is a surprise, however due to this year's holiday content, you may check with your child's teacher for the name of the song your child will be performing.
- If your child will not be able to participate in the program, please let your child's teachers know.
- We will make arrangements for professional video taping so you can relax and enjoy the program and have a memory to keep for years to come. Details to be announced.

What to do.....

1. The program begins promptly at 5:30 pm. Seating will not be available before 5:00 pm. Doors will not open until then! So plan according to the weather. First come, first served.
2. Parents arriving early may save up to 4 seats. Kindergarten parents will have 1 designated reserved seating.
3. Our "Helping Hands" committee will be serving refreshments on a cash donations basis.
4. Parking is available in the Cathedral Garage, bring ticket in for validation. There may be limited parking so allow extra time in case a back up plan is needed.
5. Please do not visit the classrooms prior to the program. The children may not understand and become upset when you leave.
6. We ask that you remain seated during the program to protect the videotaping process.
7. After their performances, all classes will return to their classrooms where children may be picked up after the program has been completed.



Curriculum Corner

How do I *really* choose a good toy?

With all the holiday buzz at the stores, children's "I want that" moments, and advertisements for toys that are "educational" and "developmental," the task of choosing a good toy at this time of year becomes especially daunting. Here are some things to look for:

- Open-ended toys that can be used in a variety of ways (like blocks or nesting cups)
- Toys that can grow with your child (like animals, vehicles, dolls, and dollhouses)
- Problem-solving toys that encourage exploration (such as puzzles and shape-sorters)
- Toys that spark the imagination (like art materials, dress-up clothes, and play foods)
- "Getting ready to read" toys (such as books and magnetic letters)
- Toys that encourage active play (such as balls, push-and-pull toys, ride-on toys, and garden tools)
- Realistic toys (like cell phones, keys, purses, and child-sized brooms and mops)

What about toys with lights, buttons, sounds, and music? Do these really make my child smarter?

The simple answer is "no." The more a toy does, the less your child has to do. These types of toys are more entertaining than educational. Remember, the more your child has to use his mind and body to problem solve and develop his own ideas, the more he learns.

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Letters to Santa

The Holiday season is near and our magical mailbox will be going directly to Santa's Workshop! So boys and girls get ready to write your special letter to Santa. Also, please keep in mind that letters sent early usually receive a personalized response by the one and only Santa!!

Family Feast Pics





One kind word can warm three winter months.

-Japanese proverb