



WCA Preschool Times



December 4, 2023

Last week was full of activity. We had a few very fun days enjoying the snow! Sledding was definitely the favorite thing to do for all the children! We also enjoyed snow inside the room. I put snow in a large and shallow container the kids took turns getting to paint the snow with water colors. For some this was a fun and engaging activity. Before all the snow melted I was able to bring some in one more time to repeat the activity. The marble painting, we will surely do again. The class enjoyed it much more than I anticipated. Many asked to do it again and we will! The "Peek Inside A Pine Tree" activity was filled with glue and much drying time needed. Those projects will come home this week. Decorating the Christmas tree, over and over, in pretend play was definitely a big hit! This week I will be sending home mitten alphabet cards in your child's zipper pouch. A game you can play with your child is matching ten pairs at a time, flip the lower case facedown while keeping the uppercase face up and then have your child flip and match the mittens. This will be challenging, but keep using the same ten pair until you feel you can move on with more. You can also add in the sound of the letter by asking your child to repeat/mimic you. The class has been doing awesome telling me various letters at group time! This week we will be playing many games. Board games, number games and matching shapes and colors games, will all prove to be popular, I suspect. We will continue to focus on family and all the wonderful celebrations that happen this time of year. Each family is unique with traditions that are important to you and we want to recognize those in our classroom. *If you could fill out the Family Tradition sheet included with the newsletter it would be much appreciated! If you would like to send something in that represents a tradition, we will share it at group time!*

Areas of Focus

Family and Community



Literacy and Language



- Books: *Christmas Tree Farm*, *My Mother's Chair*, *Christmas in the Big Woods*, *Momma Do You Love Me?*, *The Tree That Was Meant To Be*, *Little Red Sleigh*
- Rhyming Bingo
- Magic Reveal Names and Letters (with water colors)

Math, Science, Sensory

- * Board Games
(Shoots and Ladders, Candy Land)
- * Number Recognition & Counting Games
- * "Dot Marker" Painting
- * Lite Brite



Important News

- ➔ Thank you for sending your child in their snow gear each day! While it will be slightly warmer this week, the mornings will be cold! We will go outside right after opening each day, so please have your child dressed and ready to go enjoy the cold. ☺
- ➔ The Holiday Concert is **Monday, December 11th** at 2:00 PM and then at 7:00 PM!

Dear Family Member,

During our *Families and Communities* domain, your child will have a chance to share a favorite family tradition with the whole class. First, help your child pick out an object, picture, or photograph that is important to a tradition or holiday your family celebrates. Then, talk with your child about your favorite family tradition and answer the questions below. Send this form and the object to school with your child for Show and Tell.



Share a Family Tradition

1. What is a tradition or holiday that your family loves to celebrate?
When do you celebrate it?

2. How does your family celebrate this special occasion?

3. What object or picture is your child bringing to school for Show and Tell?
Why is it special?

4. Is there anything else you would like your child's teacher to know
in preparation for the Show and Tell activity?
