



THE SCHOOL SHED

DECEMBER 2009

Director's Message

It is Monday, November 30 and I cannot believe I am sitting in front of my computer typing up the newsletter for December. I can't believe we are approaching the end of 2009 already.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. I know I did. I enjoyed the time off with my family and I was able to start my holiday baking. Wow, I don't think I've ever been that far ahead before.

The Thanksgiving Family Feasts were wonderful just as they have been in the past. Thank you to all who attended and brought an item to share.

Now that November is over, it is time to get ready for the upcoming celebrations and activities for December. At Town and Country Preschool we teach the children about diversity and that each family is unique. Some families celebrate Christmas, some Kwanzaa or Hanukkah. The children will be learning about the many different ways in which families celebrate this festive time of year. Please let us know if you have any objections to this. We would also like to invite you to share with us any family traditions you may have.

Not only do the children learn about the different celebrations, but they will also perform for you some of the lessons they have learned. Each classroom will perform "Celebrations Around the World" in December. Please read on for details.

EYE SCREENING

The Falcon Lyons Club will be conducting free eye exams at Town and Country on Tuesday, Dec. 1 and Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 9am and 1pm. If you have not already turned in your consent form please do so now. Early detection is important!



THANKS

All of us at Town and Country Preschool would like to thank Sonya Ladd and her son Caleb W. for coming in to our classrooms and doing a demonstration during Native American week. Ms. Ladd is the mother of Caleb W. in classroom two. Caleb's father who is currently out of the country, is full Navajo Indian. Caleb and his mother shared authentic pottery, jewelry, clothing and even a bow and arrow. And last but not least, she made Indian Fry Bread for all the classrooms. Thank you Sonya and Caleb, we enjoyed every minute!



Celebrations Around the World!!

Please join us as we celebrate holidays from around the world. The children will perform songs, fingerplays and skits from different cultures. Times and Days are listed below.

Classroom #1 MWFam Friday, Dec. 18, 5:30-6:30pm MWFpm Friday, Dec. 18, 7-8pm

TTHam Thursday, Dec. 17, 5:30-6:30pm TTHpm Thursday, Dec. 17, 7-8pm

Classroom #2 MWFam Monday, Dec. 14, 5-6pm MWFpm Monday, Dec. 14, 6:30-7:30pm

TTHam & TTHpm (combined program) Tuesday, Dec. 15, 5-6pm

Classroom #3 All families Wednesday, Dec. 16 6:30-7:30

Space is limited so please limit guests to immediate family.

We will be serving simple refreshments following each performance.





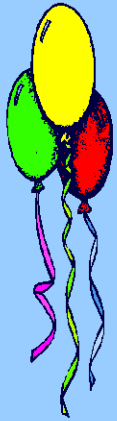
I would like to recognize Ms. Julie for her outstanding attendance. Ms. Julie has shown dedication to her job, the children and families since starting her employment in July 2007.

I would also like to recognize Ms. Alison and Ms. Olivia for their continued support in keeping Town and Country a clean and safe environment for the children as well as the staff.

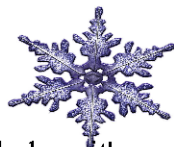
Thank you ladies!!

happy, happy birthday!!

Lindsey 12/05
Sarah P. 12/06
Cameron 12/08
Tayla 12/12
Evan S. 12/14
Ms. Kiyoo 12/16
Taylor J. 12/22
Natijah 12/30
Henry 12/31



WINTER BREAK!!



Town and Country will close it's preschool and pre-k classes from December 21 to January 1. Classes will resume January 4. Extended Care will remain open during this two week break. We will also be offering drop in care for families who wish to drop in for a day or two. You are not required to attend everyday. You can pick and choose the days and times that fit best with your schedule. A perfect opportunity to get some holiday shopping, baking or resting done. Sign up today! Remember, we are licensed from 3 years to 7 years 0 months, so tell a friend!!

Dear Parents of Town and Country Preschool,

Discovery Toys has the best in educationally fun toys, books, games, music and more for children and families and we are bringing the fun here to you this week. Discovery Toys has been around for over 30 years providing top quality, time-tested products for children age infant to 12 years. I am partnering with your preschool educators to host a 2 day Fun-raiser this Thursday and Friday ~ December 3rd & 4th. Our goal is to bring you quality toys this holiday season at discounted prices and an opportunity for Town and Country Preschool to receive FREE Discovery Toys for our children to use in the classrooms and play areas.

Discovery Toys are already used and enjoyed in our classrooms. We incorporate Fashion Friends, Playful Patterns and the Giant Pegboard to name a few and are excited to bring more to the classrooms. Some of our favorites for various ages are:

Infants ~ Sunny Sounds (p. 11), Try-Angle (p. 15), Go Go Caterpillar (p. 17)
Toddler ~ Measure Up Set (p. 19), Giant Pegboard (p. 20), Match Up Books (p. 25), Sunshine Market (p. 29), Place & Trace (p. 31) **Preschool** ~ Busy Sets (p. 33), Zingo (p. 34), Playful Sets (p. 36-37), It's a Match (p. 39), Flip Flop Faces (p. 41), Bright Builders (p. 49) **School Age** ~ A to Z Jr. (p. 53), Labyrinth (p. 59), Tricky Fingers (p. 59), Think It Through Tiles (p. 63), Marbleworks (p. 64).

Additional informational flyers will be posted at the front desk. I hope you enjoy browsing through our latest catalog or on-line at www.discoverytoyslink.com/lisar. I'm sure you'll find something fun for everyone on your holiday shopping list.

Sincerely ~ Lisa Roenfeldt ~ 719-495-4490

