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The Apple "Juice"

Notes From Amy!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!

It is hard to believe that it is the Holiday season already. The children have been very busy making decorations and gifts for Christmas.

Please remember our Holiday cookies and punch reception for family and friends on Friday, December 9th. Please plan to join us.

Reminders:

- We will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd in observance of the holidays.*
- Don't forget to donate (if you can) a coat and or accessories to our drive for the Salvation Army Coats for Kids*
- Please let us know if you are planning on vacation time during the holidays. This really helps us adjust our staffing needs and allows staff to have time off with their families. We appreciate your cooperation.*
- With the cold weather here, please adjust the extra clothing that is here for your child in case of an accident.*

I would like to wish ALL of our Apple Tree family a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Blessings,

Amy Larsen, Director



Caterpillars

Hi everyone! Did everyone eat a lot of turkey and pumpkin pie? We didn't eat turkey, but we sure love our sweet potatoes. We are learning how to sit up and play and it is fun. We have Christmas in the air and all the Merry, merry going on. How fast time flies. We will try hard to be good so, you know who, will visit. Also, we welcome little Thomas to our room.

Ms. Kay, Ms. Pam, Ms Vera, Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Deb and Ms. Marlene



Butterflies

Where did November go? The month seemed to fly by! We hope you all had a great Thanksgiving! The Butterflies had a busy month with getting a jump start on making a Christmas ornament for you! We can't wait for you all to see them! We celebrated Michael's first birthday and we continue to work on our baby sign language. We said hello to Jaycee and said goodbye to Deonta. We wish him the best of luck in the Monkey room! Feel free to dress your kids in layers of clothes, it sometimes gets a little warm in the Butterfly room! Stay warm and have a great holiday season!

Ms. Samantha, Ms. Tracey, Ms. Joyce, Ms. Katie and Ms. Julie



Monkeys

Wow, how time is flying, November is over and we had a lot of fun with all our activities we did for Thanksgiving and Spirit Day. Thank you to all of you who showed your favorite team support. We are looking forward to December and all our fun activities. During the Hooray for the Holidays week we have already hung our snowmen on the Apple tree Christmas Tree so be sure to take a look. We are making a surprise gift for our mommy's and daddy's along with having special treats while reading stories. With Christmas approaching we will be making Christmas goodies to share with some of our friends. As we all are ready for the New Year we will be making hats to help celebrate this wonderful new year to come. We would like to welcome Ms. Rachel as a new helper along with Deonta who become a Monkey. Please be sure you are watching our Monkey door. For any special events. Merry Christmas from the Monkeys.

Ms. Lacy, Ms. Candi and Ms. Rachel



Froggies

November in the Froggies' Room was super fun. While the weather was still nice we played outside and went on Buggie Rides to the Mall. We used our hand prints to make turkeys to celebrate Thanksgiving. Now on to December. We have so much fun stuff planned, like making stockings & ornaments. We will be doing some Puff painting, sharing songs with other classrooms, and Santa will be visiting our classroom. We will be talking about Christmas and Snowmen. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Froggie Teachers.

Ms. Maddy, Ms. Mary and Ms. Linda



Giraffes

Well, well November has come and gone and we are very excited for it to be December! The month of November we learned about families, turkeys and Thanksgiving. We made a really cool family tree with our hand prints and at our Thanksgiving dinner we dressed as the Native Americans. The month of December brings some big changes for the Giraffe room I will be leaving the class along with Ms. Sara and Ms. Robin will be taking over as head teacher, this will be a fun and exciting change for everyone. I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday.

Ms. Autumn, Ms. Sara & Ms. Robin



Zebras

In the month of November we talked about families & what we are thankful for. We did a week of art on turkeys and had lots of fun with that. The 18th we had our Movie & PJ day which is always a fun day. The week of Thanksgiving we had our Apple Tree Thanksgiving dinner. We made placemats and pilgrim hats for that day and had lots of fun. Our next week was getting ready for Open House. That week ran into December 1st & 2nd. We had been doing art for our walls along with parent gifts. Check our room out! We will continue the month of December with Christmas and New Years themes. Please make sure your child's folders are checked daily for notes that could be going home and art. See you next year. Have a safe and Happy Holiday.

Ms. Courtney & Ms. Ashley



Lions

The Lions had a busy November getting ready for Thanksgiving. Everyone made a placemat and headband for our Thanksgiving lunch here at the center. We also made special Thanksgiving cards for our parents. Floyd moved to Colorado, Maddie re-joined our class after being home with her new baby brother and Miles moved to our room from the Zebra room. December finds us doing all kinds of projects to make our room festive for Christmas. The children are looking forward to Christmas Caroling and having a visit from Santa the week of December 5-9. We will also be learning about shapes in the month of December. We hope all of you have a joyous holiday with family and friends.

Ms. Pat & Ms. Molli



Tigers

Hello from the Tiger room. The month of November was a busy month. We worked on the colors red, brown, yellow and the shapes circle and square. We also had Tiger Conferences which went very well. Thanks to all the parents. We also celebrated Thanksgiving and had a wonderful meal here. Now we are looking forward to Christmas. We hope that all of you have been good and Santa comes to your house!! I would like to say I had fun getting to know all the parents and children in the Tiger room. I, Janene, will miss all of you a great deal.

Ms. Janene and Ms. Kim



Kangaroos

The Kangaroos have been really busy in November. We are learning about Pilgrims & how different time was then. They spoke differently, instead of saying "Hi, how are you?" they said "How Now". We also learned about pictographs that the Native Americans did. We wrote our own story and posted it on the door. It was great. Getting ready for the holidays has consumed lots of time and energy. So many crafts & songs! What Fun! We are looking forward to learning about time and hibernation next. We are trying to be on our best behavior cause Santa Claus is watching! We all wish you Happy Holiday from the Kangaroo Room.

Ms. Laurie & Ms. Trista



Panda Bears

We are sounding out words all the time & learning how to spell them, such as "No" (which we found "hiding" in November). During "U" week, we focused on these "U" words: Up, Under and Umbrella. Up was on of our sight words & we practiced "Up & Under" while listening to instructions and playing "Positional Simon Says." We finished off the week with an Umbrella walk around the center. The following weeks we learned about the letter "C" & the history & traditions of Thanksgiving through our themes: Curious Explorers & We Give Thanks. "C" sight words included "Cat" and "Car" and we explored the definition of "Curious". The Pandas learned about the Pilgrims travel from England, across the ocean and to the new land, so they could be treated fairly. They also learned about the friendship between the Native Americans & Pilgrims (the loved saying Squanto). I am really proud of how excited they were to learn about our history. In December we will be exploring the history & traditions of the holiday season and that one of the main reasons for the celebration is to enjoy giving & sharing rather than taking and receiving. Sometimes we get all caught up in the "hoopla" that we can forget to keep the giving spirit in our hearts everyday.

Ms. Kayla and Ms. Michelle



Koalas Bears

Where has the year gone? Is it really December already? We have been staying busy in the Koala room working on letters, sounds and numbers! In November we spent a lot time talking about being thankful and we had a lot of fun talking about being healthy, too! We ended the month with an outer space week, where we talked about planets, constellations and galaxies. In December we are looking forward to a field trip on the 15th to the Sioux City Museum and we are getting excited to ring in the New Year, 2012! Ms. Brianna & Ms. Kayla



Polar Bears

The Polar Bears had a fun November. We started the month with a rock walk and then we explored rocks in our water table. Toward the middle of the month we talked about things we are thankful for and Thanksgiving traditions. The highlight of our month came at the end when we visited the Sioux City Museum. That was an incredible field trip! In December we look forward to making holiday art and goodies to eat. We also look forward to giving and receiving gifts.

Happy Holidays from Ms. Amy and the Polar Bears.



Apple Corps

The Apple Corps. have been busy this fall. Each child decorated a snowflake for the hallway, which was very exciting. We have also kept busy learning to play chess and rummy, reading books and creating Lego projects and working on art masterpieces. We are very excited that Christmas vacation will be here soon!

Happy Holidays, Ms. Amy and Mr. James
