

School-Age 1 Newsletter

Lakeland's Little Learners



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December is here! Hello Families,
As we move into December, we all know that the weather can change by the hour. Please have your child appropriately dressed and prepared for the weather. We do go outside daily when weather permits. Coats, gloves, boots, snowpants, and hats should be labeled with their name. If items are left in the classroom or on the bus, labels make it much easier to get those items returned to you. Also, **reusable durable grocery bags** are required to hold all their extra gear (no single use plastic bags are allowed in the classrooms).
Thank you for all your efforts! - Mrs. Casey

Coming Up...

Oh, Christmas Tree



While several countries claim to be the birthplace of the Christmas tree, Germany is credited with starting the tradition as we now know it in the 16th century. We'll be taking part in this tradition, by decorating a tree in our classroom, hand making ornaments, and talking more about the origins of this holiday tradition.

Fake Snow vs. Real Snow

We'll be doing a simple STEAM activity to create fake snow. The students will get the opportunity to mix the ingredients and get hands on discovery time. Then we'll get to discuss as a class the similarities and differences between the man-made snow we created and real snow. What can we build with real snow versus the fake snow?

REMINDERS...

- For any absences, contact LLL to leave a message with a reason for the absence. We especially like to be aware when children have signs of illness.
- Wear appropriate outdoor gear for the weather.
- **Contact LLL for any changes to your child care schedule for the holiday break.**

Creating Connection

Library Visits

As we approach winter, the weather is cold and our outdoor time can be limited. Visiting a local library is a perfect opportunity to get out of the house and do something together. Local libraries have a wide selection of books, magazines, games, movies to check out, and at times crafts or hands on activities. Ask your child what they like to read and have them read something to you.

Holiday Cookies + Meals



Cooking is a life long skill that all children can learn from and create lasting memories with their loved ones. Let the kids be part of the fun this season and involve them in one of your recipes. Ask them to read the recipe, find the ingredients, then measure and mix the ingredients.

Special Dates

- ♦ December 1 - 5 - LLL Book Fair
- ♦ December 16 - Colectivo Coffee fundraiser pick up
- ♦ December 22 - January 2 - **EASD Holiday Break**
- ♦ December 25 - Christmas Day - **LLL CLOSED**
- ♦ January 1 - New Year's Day - **LLL CLOSED**

Last month...

During November the class enjoyed collecting food for our Holiday Food Drive. The salt dough leaf print ornaments were a big hit for the Thankful Tree. The class continued to want to make more and loved sharing with everyone what they are thankful for this year. The class took it upon themselves to create a Happy Thanksgiving banner for the annual feast held at LLL for the younger students and their guests. It was so sweet to see them participate!

