



Classroom Newsletter

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A Message From Ms. Trish

Greetings preschool families, it is time to jump into another exciting month in the classroom. For the month of December our theme is Space. We will cover the planets, their order in the solar system and the difference between terrestrial planets and gas giants. This will include an overview of solids, liquids and gasses. We will talk about the earth's orbit, stars, constellations, the sun and the phases of the moon. We will take our learning outside with some stomp rockets and some coverage of the topic of energy. We will learn a bit about gravity and find out how the moon "glows".

Our dramatic play area will undergo another exciting transformation. In the past we have used this time to construct a cardboard spaceship, but this year I happened upon a great idea and decided instead that we should play with light. I will bring in an overhead projector, a light pad, flashlights, Light Brights and perhaps some other fun surprises. This will give us an opportunity to experiment with projection, color, shadow and so much more. Because this can be an extensive topic and December is such a short month at preschool (only two weeks) I have decided to implement the new theme a few days early, so we will begin our space exploration when we return from Fall Break. We may extend into January if we need to, just to make sure we have time to cover all the exciting things our space theme has to offer.

We will not have a field trip for the month of December, but we will have some very special days at preschool. Our last class day before Winter Break will be our warm and cozy pajama pizza party. On this special day students are invited to come to school in their pajamas and bring along their favorite stuffed animal. We will eat pizza generously donated by our local MOD Pizza and watch a movie. Traditionally we have watched the original cartoon version of Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. If this movie is not in line with your family's traditions, please let me know. I have several other movies that we can choose from. Another very special day in December is our annual Winter Celebration and concert. This event will feature your children singing some fun holiday related songs and a very special guest, the one and only Santa Claus!

Letter focus for December will include D and G. Please keep an eye out for upcoming fliers with more information about our special events. If you have any questions, please feel free to catch me at the door, send me an email or a message on Bloomz. Wishing you all a warm and bright holiday season and once again I want to thank you for being a part of our preschool family.

- Ms. Trish