

Cherry Hill Pre-School,

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Pre-K Newsletter

December 2018

I can't believe how fast the holidays are approaching! The children are already filled with excitement in anticipation of a visit from St. Nick. But first we have a month filled with fun activities, music, and stories.

The Ronald McDonald House was overwhelmed with such generosity! They were so grateful for all the supplies and monetary donations. I cannot thank you enough to all who donated! It really makes my heart full to see such an outpouring of support. Once again I will post a list for the Ronald McDonald House Christmas donations. Donations will be collected through December 17th. I will need to drop everything off on the 18th. They gave me a specific list of needed items. I am attaching one to your newsletter as well. As always we appreciate any donations you can make.

The teachers and I would prefer not to receive personal gifts. A card with kind, supporting words, a gift card to the school (Staples, Michael's, Lakeshore Learning Store, Barnes & Noble, Target, BJ'S, etc..), a donation of paper towels, tissues, hand wipes, glue sticks or anything else are such helpful gifts if you felt you needed to do more. Our true wish is that you donate to the Ronald McDonald House this year. Thank-you so much!

Inclement Weather and Boot policies

During the winter months, be prepared for school cancellations due to inclement weather. A reminder to call the school after 7:00 am on a questionable weather day and listen to my message and/or check your e-mail. The teachers would be happy to bring your child out at dismissal time if you do not want to get out of the car, especially if you have other children in the car. Just wait to be able to pull right up in front of the school and we will bring your child out to you. Please let us know by a phone call or when dropping off if you would like us to provide this service. If your child **needs** to wear snow/rain boots to school please be sure to send a change of shoes they can easily change into. Tie shoes are very difficult for them to manage so something they can slip into that stay on their feet would be greatly appreciated. **Please note: rain/snow boots are not allowed to be worn in the classroom.**

School News - Our letters for the month of December are: **G,H,I**. Please encourage your pre-k student to participate in this activity at least once a week. It is an excellent letter and letter sound reinforcing activity.

We will not be focusing on one color this month but we will be discussing the shape **Triangle**.

We will be having fun with holiday stories, activities and crafts this month as well as creating holiday surprises for you and decorating the room with our creations. We will certainly focus on the season of giving and stressing the importance of sharing and being grateful. We will also continue to concentrate on our fine motor skills and building self-help skills. The children will have to look around the room each

day to see if they can find our very own elf named "Cheery." Cheery will report to Santa each night and come back to school hiding in a different spot each day to watch our friends.

Mrs. Claus will be joining our parties with songs and stories. Our parties will be held Wednesday December 19th. The morning class will once again sign up for a time to attend. One parent may attend with your child. Party times will be 9-10:15 and 10:45am-12:00pm. Please make note of the special times on this day so your child will not miss out. The afternoon party is 12:30-1:45pm. For our party food, we are asking each family to donate 6 of your favorite holiday cookies. Please note that all cookies should be peanut free for the morning parties only. We will prepare a large platter for all to enjoy. Cherry Hill Pre-School will provide beverages and paper goods. Should our party be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will have our party on Thursday, December 20th. Thursday morning December 20th will be a regular school day.

On Thursday afternoon December 20th and Friday morning December 21st we will have our famous **Polar Express Day** our last day before holiday vacation. Once again everyone will be invited. The morning class will have to sign up for a time to attend. Please have your child wear their pajamas to school (be sure to layer them for warmth). Even the teachers will wear their jammies! They may bring their slippers to wear in school. We will provide hot cocoa, juice, popcorn, and cookies for snack so they do not need to bring one from home. We will read the Polar Express, play the movie soundtrack and watch a Christmas film strip. We will be using our imagination and hop on the Polar Express to the North Pole! We will have a sign-up sheet for the special times posted soon. The times for the morning class will be **8:30-9:45am and 10:30am-11:45am on Friday December 21st. The afternoon Polar Express Party will be 12:30-1:45pm Thursday December 20th. There will not be a regular class Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.**

Holiday vacation- Monday December 23rd through Wednesday January 2nd 2019
Regular classes will resume Thursday January 3, 2019.

May you all have happy and safe holidays!

See You in 2019!