

## V-1's December News

This month finds us working on a variety of skills and strategies within different curriculum areas. Read on for specific italicized standards.

English/Language Arts We have been practicing alphabetical order and will soon introduce the dictionary. "*To produce writing that contains a large number of correctly spelled, high frequency words*" the children will be using ABC order and a picture-dictionary. (A picture-dictionary might make a fine present this holiday.)

Math We continue to build new knowledge through problem solving with fact families, data, and *reasonable estimates*. To ensure *fluent computation*, we complete a weekly 4-minute timed test. At the present time we are practicing addition facts with these tests. Watch for these papers and remember to practice the "doubles".

Social Studies/Science I've found this to be a good time to *define and use vocabulary appropriate to family structure*. We also use this month to

*describe customs of specific holidays*. Did your child read his/her Holiday Lights booklet with you? Share a holiday tradition from your childhood. The word of the month is "family." Writing on the bulletin board outside our room reflects our thoughts about family.

REMINDER... We are planning our Holiday Party on Friday, Dec.19, from 2:00-3:00p.m. Please let our Room-Mothers know if you would like to contribute something.

### Dates to Remember

- \* Dec.6 Winter Craft Carnival, 10:00am-1:00pm
- \*Dec.12 CARES Assembly, 2:15pm
- \*Dec.19 Class Holiday Party, 2:00-3:00pm
- \*Dec.20 Winter Break Begins (Classes resume Jan.5, 2009!)

## Happy Holidays!