



December Happenings

November was a busy month of learning fun! We discussed the concept of friendship as it applied to the first Thanksgiving, and how we can apply it in our classroom at all times. We learned a new set of rules called "The I Care Rules". They are: We listen to each other, Hands are for helping, not hurting, We use I-care language, We care about each other's feelings, and We are responsible for what we say and do. Please continue to discuss these rules at home. In addition, we have been learning about a sequence of events. Discuss these terms with your child: first, second, third, last. As you go about your daily routines incorporate these concepts into your discussions with your child. (for example, when preparing a meal, ask your child, "What did I do first? Second? Last?") or when reading a story, ask your child, "What happened first in the story? Second? Third? Last?")

This month we will be busy with our holiday projects. We will also be learning about the concepts of "caring" and "sharing". We will each prepare an ornament to share with someone who may be lonely for the holidays. I would like to have a parent assist me. Please contact me if you feel you can help with this project. I will be contacting you (or another parent) to make a donation to our Santa's workshop and our various holiday activities. Thank you in advance.

Upcoming Dates to

Remember

Friday, December 12

Pod 2 Santa's Workshop for all Pre-kindergarten

(parent volunteers needed from 8:00-11:00 and from 12:30-3:00-

No siblings please)

December 15-PTA Meeting

(at 5:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 19-

Christmas party (to be held the last hour for both AM and PM sessions)

December 22-January 2

December Units

Sharing and Caring

Christmas Customs and Traditions

Other December Celebrations



December Math and Literacy skills

Number recognition 1-10/Counting	
One-to-One Correspondence	
Making a simple graph	
Simple patterns	
Retelling events in a story	
Sequencing	

Reminders:

- Please remember to check the holiday party list and send in items assigned for your child. I will send a copy next week.
- Label all articles of clothing sent in with your child to include hats, coats, etc..
- Send a note in any time your child's transportation changes or whenever you know that your child will be out of school.
- Your child needs a daily snack at school.