



Peter Piper's PreSchool Press

November/ December2018

Dear Parents,

It's "the most wonderful time of the year!" The children are happily awaiting the arrival of Christmas! As you enter the ECC building you can feel the excitement as the children stop to take their picture in the Gingerbread photo booth that was created by the afternoon Nursery and Pre-K students or watch as the children mail their letters to Santa in his special mailbox! All the children had so much fun creating beautiful ornaments for our tree and every class participated in decorating our "Elf on the Shelf" bulletin board display!

The children have been learning about the Advent Season and preparing for the birth of Jesus. The teachers put great emphasis on Christmas as a celebration of Baby Jesus' birthday...thus the creation of our service project, "Happy Birthday Baby Jesus," which is a collection of baby gifts that we donate to the L.I. Life Center, a home for single moms. Thank you to all the children and their families for their generous donations!

It was wonderful to see the many families who attended the Christmas Dinner. It was a fabulous, festive dinner for all! The singing by the K-2 students, under the direction of Mr. Levenson was delightful. The evening ended with a spirited choral and bell performance by the 3rd through 8th graders. It was an evening that brought us all into the Christmas Spirit! It truly was a joyous celebration for all!

Please note that we are having an Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 12 - 2p.m. Please tell any interested family and friends as we have already begun accepting applications for next year.

Christmas Blessings to All!
Kathy Frank

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 19 Wednesday - Advent Liturgy
-PreSchool Christmas Sing-a-Long
10:15 in the ECC Gym
11:30 Dismissal for ALL grades
- December 20 - January 2 Christmas Recess
- January 3 Thursday - School Resumes
- January 18 Friday - **11:30 Dismissal**
No Extended Day (Faculty/Staff Meeting)
- January 21 Monday - **School Closed**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 27 **Sunday**
Admissions Open House 12- 2p.m.





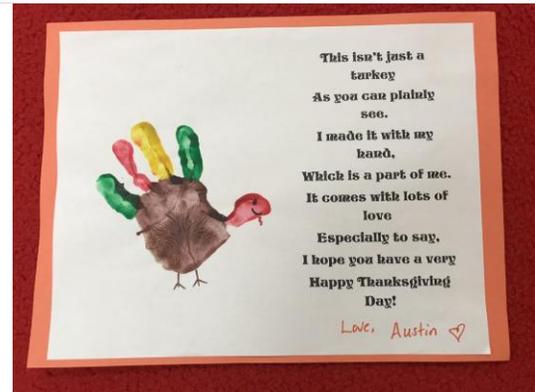
Toddler

Mrs. Gannon
and
Mrs. G

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Thankfulness is ever important. Sometimes we are family by blood ~ more often we are family by love. During this holiday season ~ and always ~ we are thankful for our Holy Child family.



Handprint art is always fun! The children love to have their hand tickled by the paintbrush. They patiently wait for their turn while they watch their classmates create a masterpiece!



All the children in the Early Childhood Center created ornaments for our Christmas tree in the lobby. The Toddlers have just finished putting their paper plate angels on the tree.



The Early Childhood Center is a beautiful winter wonderland as we wait for baby Jesus. Wishing you all the joys of the season and God's blessings for the New Year.



NURSERY

*Ms. Barra
and
Ms. Rosado and Mrs. Aquino*

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During the Thanksgiving season, the Nursery children are thankful for friends they can share happy days at school with! Playing, building, creating, singing and using their imaginations together help children not only nurture friendships, but help develop social skills.



The fall is a great time for discovering pumpkins! Hammering and pounding colorful nails in our pumpkin kept little hands busy and sparked lots of curiosity! This exercise helped build the following skills: eye-hand coordination, fine motor skills, spatial awareness, using tools correctly, patience, taking turns and TEAMWORK!



The boys and girls were excited to begin our Christmas unit! The children enjoy projects that help them recognize the letters in their first name. Our first project was gluing cutout shapes of ornaments and Christmas lights that represent each letter in their name on construction paper. Our finished project was hung in the classroom!



Nursery's favorite holiday project by far is creating our giant, class-made gingerbread house! Finger painting the house and roof is lots of messy fun and everyone can't wait till it's their turn to glue on some yummy candy! The fun continues at home, as each family decorated a gingerbread boy or girl to be displayed alongside our gingerbread house!



Pre Kindergarten

Mrs. Modica

and

Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Burton and

Mrs. Aquino

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The children loved observing our latest science experiment. As an extension to the book, *Little Blue and Little Yellow* by Leo Lionni, we watched as cups with blue and yellow water combined to make green water.



The Pre-K children were extremely grateful this Thanksgiving especially after they learned many historical facts about the lives of Pilgrim and Native American children. WHAT!! NO TV!! The important part was that the children really grasped the idea of what it means to be thankful.



Our favorite book to read this holiday season was *Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Clement Moore. The children had fun pretending they were "nestled all snug in their beds" while visions and dreams danced in their heads (see hallway display). We also did many holiday activities and one of the children's favorite games was *Feed Rudolph*. The game reinforced one-to-one correspondence and counting skills.



As part of our service project here at HCA this holiday season, the Pre-K children were excited to donate baby items to The Long Island Life Center, which is a home for single moms. The children were excited to end our drive with a special pajama day here at school.



Kindergarten

Mrs. Abbondandolo

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Kindergarten spent the month of November being thankful. Our class was thankful for their families, homes, pets, friends, food and school. We celebrated Thanksgiving with our very own Thanksgiving feast just like the Pilgrims and Native Americans!



The class loved working extra hard on their classroom goals this December. By the end of the month we were proud of ourselves for accomplishing our goals and even wrote to Santa about it using our sight words!



We loved reading *How to Catch Santa* by Jean Reagan. We brainstormed all the ways we would try to catch him and wrote all about it. Once we were finished we created our own Santa and displayed it in the hallway outside our classroom.



We loved Pajama day! We came to school in our pajamas, watched the polar express and got to listen to different Christmas stories. We even got to spend time with our Nursery through second grade friends and had hot chocolate!