



Preschool December Newsletter

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who brought food for our Thanksgiving Feast! We hope you enjoyed our program. We were happy to see so many families join us in our Thanksgiving celebration.

TOY DRIVE



It's time once again for our annual toy drive. Be sure to read our flyer for all the details and instruction. Our collection box is located in the entrance of the main building. The Maples will be walking over to the fire station at 9:00am.

TUITION

December is a 3 1/2 week tuition month (1/2 your weekly tuition rate for the week we're closed). **ALL TUITION IS DUE IN FULL BY Wednesday 12/20** (We'll accept checks post-dated up to December 27th). We will be closing out the month and the year on December 29th. Late tuition will result in daily late fees and cash payments only. Tuition credits will **NOT** be carried over to January so please make sure to account for any credits you have when making your December payment.

There Will Be A Tuition Increase Effective January 1, 2018

We're CLOSED 12/25 - 1/5. We Will Be Back On 1/8.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party will be at Growing Years Daycamp on Wednesday 12/20 at 7:00pm. The Maples will sing holiday songs for their families. Santa will make an appearance and bring gifts. Make sure to read the attached flyer for all the details about our party and the gifts.

LAST MONTH...

In November we spent lots of time preparing for our Thanksgiving Program by learning new songs, painting our T-Shirt and decorating our headbands. We learned about the Pilgrims and Native Americans and the first Thanksgiving Feast they shared together. We talked about what we eat at our Thanksgiving dinner. We also talked about what it means to be "Thankful" and we shared what we are thankful for.

December is another busy month! We'll learn new Christmas songs in preparation for our party. We'll learn about Hanukkah and Christmas. If your family has a holiday custom or tradition you'd like to share with our class please let us know.

BOOKS WE ENJOYED IN NOVEMBER

The Very First Thanksgiving Day by Rhonda Greene
Who Will Carve The Turkey This Thanksgiving by Jerry Pallotta
Thanksgiving Day by Anne Rockwell
King Baby by Kate Beaton
Potty Animals by Hope Vestergaard



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Miss Shalimar Miss Heather
Miss Rowena



DECEMBER

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3 Lilja's Birthday	4 Addison Is Our Star Of The Week	5	6	7	8	9 Parents Night Out 5pm - 11pm
10 Ezra Is Our Star Of The Week	11	12 Marlon's Natalie's Teddy's Birthday	13 	14	15 Delivery At Firestation 9:00am	16 Childcare 9am - 3pm
17	18	19 All Gifts For Our Xmas Party Due Today	20 Christmas Party 7pm At Growing Years DAYCAMP	21 December Tuition Due In Full By Today	22	23
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PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY



When: Wednesday December 20th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Where: Growing Years Day Camp
20166 Wisteria Road**

**Please bring one wrapped present for your child and one for each sibling attending.

Presents from Santa are due at Growing Years by **Tuesday December 19th. Presents that are turned in late will not make it into Santa's bag. Please remember to be discreet when bringing in your gift. We suggest bringing it in a paper bag and dropping it off in the kitchen.

**Please label presents with your child's first and last name. Remember, all presents are from SANTA! It's a big help to Santa's elves if you use the same wrapping paper for all your families gifts.

**Gifts should be no bigger than a shoe box. Santa's bag is limited on space. If your present is too big we'll return it to you and ask you to bring a smaller one.

**Due to limited space, our party is for the children and their immediate family only.

**Please bring a finger food to share with us (Chips, Cookies, Snacks, Desserts, etc...)

NO CAKE, CUPCAKES OR BROWNIES PLEASE!

Gift Ideas

DVD's

Small Games

Barbie / Dolls

Books

Action Figures

Art Sets

Coloring Books

CD's

Cars





TOY DRIVE



In the spirit of the holiday season, we would like to give back to our community by donating toys to children in need.

It's important to us as educators to remind our children that during this busy and exciting time of year, the true meaning of the season comes from the **giving** not only the **receiving**. This month we'll spend a lot of time talking to the children about what it means to "give" something and how it makes them feel when they give to their friends and family.

To make this toy drive even more meaningful for the children, we ask that you let your child help choose the toy that they would like to donate (You may need to remind them that this toy is for a child that doesn't have many toys). Please purchase a toy in the \$5.00 - \$15.00 range. Please donate a **NEW, UNWRAPPED** toy.

When you bring in your toy please give it to a teacher so that we can place a post it with your child's name on it to ensure they get to place their donation in the toy box. Please **DO NOT** write your child's name directly on the toy or the packaging.

On the Morning of 12/15 the children will walk over to the fire station and deposit their donation in the collection box. All donations collected at the fire station will be distributed by local non-profit agencies and community based organizations throughout Alameda County.

We know this will be a rewarding experience for all and we appreciate your participation.
Please have your **New, Unwrapped** toy in by 9:00am on Friday 12/15.

Thank You
The Growing Years Staff

