

PRE-KINDERGARTEN DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

A big THANK YOU to all who brought food to share for our Thanksgiving Celebration. We had lots of fun and enjoyed all the yummy food at our feast.

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 and in the clubhouse. The Pre-K will be walking over to the fire station at 10:30am.

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 Thursday 12/21 at 7:00pm. The Redwoods and Willows 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.

SONGS WE'VE BEEN SINGING

Smells Like Thanksgiving
Hello Mr. Turkey
A Thanksgiving Song
The Pumpkins Are Here
I'm A Little Turkey



BOOKS WE'VE BEEN READING

Thank You, Thanksgiving by David Milgrim
Over The River, A Turkey's Tale by Lydia Maria Child
The Very First Thanksgiving Day by Rhonda Gowler Greene
Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper
Thanksgiving For Emily Ann by Teresa Johnston
The Great Turkey Race by Steve Metzger



Happy Holidays!

Miss Ashley Miss Elli

Miss Roxann Miss Charlotte



DECEMBER

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10 Curt Is Our Star Of The Week	11 Introducing Letter "L" This Week	12 	13 Vanessa's Birthday	14	15  Delivery At Firestation 10:30am	16 Childcare 9am - 3pm 
17 Julianne Is Our Star Of The Week	18 Introducing Letter "M" This Week	19 All Gifts For Our Xmas Party Due Today	20 December Tuition Due In Full By Today	21 Christmas Party 7pm At Growing Years DAYCAMP	22 Arina's Birthday	23
24 	25	26 Elize's Birthday	27 Alina's Birthday	28	29 	30
CLOSED -- HAPPY HOLIDAYS!						

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 Week Tuition Month



Last Month...

The Willows

The month of November was very busy for the Willow's. We spent a lot of time working on our place mats. We made silly turkey's and water colored napkins with fall colors. We learned some fun Thanksgiving songs as well. We talked about what it means to be thankful and shared what we are thankful for. We also enjoyed our yummy Thanksgiving feast. We had a great time on our field trip to see the Monarch butterflies. We saw a lot of beautiful butterflies! We learned how the butterflies migrate. We had a great time and want to thank the parents who helped drive us to our field trip.



The Redwoods

We spent the month of November discussing the concept of being Thankful. We shared people and things that we each are thankful for.

We created special Thanksgiving place mats that we decorated our table with during our feast at school.

We enjoyed our Monarch butterfly field trip and are very thankful for the parents who provided us all transportation.

We created some colorful paintings using a variety of tools: potato mashers, feathers and corks to name a few.

We enjoyed our pumpkin pie scented play dough and created pies and cookies together. We began playing the board game Memory and enjoy rooting each other on when we find a match.

December is here and we are planning some fun cooking projects and holiday surprises for our families. We will also be sharing ways to show kindness to our friends and families during this holiday season.

THE PRE-K CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Thursday December 21st

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
Books
Coloring Books

Small Games
Action Figures
CD's

Barbie / Dolls
Art Sets
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

