

Little Lamb Nursery School

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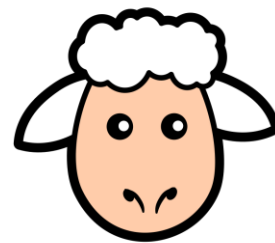
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Please keep this newsletter handy to refer to into January.

The Lamb

Birthdays:

NONE

CALENDAR

December 3 (Monday) - Each student needs one (1) Christmas ornament to add to our school Christmas tree. We have a small tree so keep that in mind when choosing an ornament. Please do not send glass or very fragile items. Ornaments will be returned at the Christmas party.

December 6 (Thursday) - Library (Students will be signing out two library books from now till the end of the year.

Students need a show and tell that begins with the letter **T**.

December 12 (Wednesday) – Cookie Baking Day *We need donations of cookie dough and we also need volunteers to help this day!!

*Please see class volunteer and cookie dough sign-up sheet on bulletin board in hallway



December 13 (Thursday) - Library books are to be returned on or before Thursday, January 3.



December 20 (Thursday) – LLNS All School Christmas Party!! –

10:00 a.m. Students and Volunteers arrive at school (Backpacks Required)

10:30 a.m. Other party attendees (additional family/friends) should arrive by this time, and make their way to the church sanctuary.

10:45(approximately) Students will go to the sanctuary for some holiday songs and a visit with our special Christmas guest.

*Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board for donations and volunteers

**Library books can be kept until January 3.

December 21 (Friday) – Christmas Party Snow Makeup Date!

December 21 – January 1 – Christmas Vacation!!

Classes resume on Wednesday, January 2.

Be sure to note the following dates. You will not receive a January newsletter until January.

****January 2 (Wednesday) - Favorite Christmas toy show and tell. Children should bring one (1) favorite toy that they received as a Christmas present. Please be sure that it will fit into the backpack or other tote for safe traveling and for safe keeping during school

****January 3 - (Thursday) - Library-Please help your child remember to return his/her library book each Thursday.

Announcements

- I. In January, we will need paper towels, Clorox or Lysol type wipes, wet wipes for hands, and, especially, 5 oz paper cups. Thank you for all items already donated!
- I. In case of inclement weather, if Schuylkill Valley Schools are closed for the day we will be closed, also. If Schuylkill Valley has a morning delay we will be closed for the morning, but not necessarily for the afternoon. Since road and weather conditions vary throughout the county, please use your judgment concerning whether you can safely transport your child to LLNS. You can check Llns Eplers on Facebook for additional updates. Call Mrs. Lash at home or try the church office for more information if necessary.
- II. On Wednesday, December 12th, the morning children will bake cookies for our Christmas party. We will need donations of cookie dough for the morning class and the help of at least five volunteers to help the children with this

project. If you are able to donate dough and/or help bake and clean up, please sign up on the bulletin board. We definitely need lots of cookie sheets too!!! (Mark your cookie sheets and dough containers). We prefer batches of homemade cookie dough to pre-packaged ready to slice or sliced dough. There is little for our children to do with the pre-cut dough.

- III, On Thursday, December 21, we will have our **Little Lamb All School Christmas Party**. It will be a party for both classes. The children and volunteers should arrive at 10:00 a.m. The children go to their classroom and the volunteers need to report to the church sanctuary. Guests are welcome to arrive around 10:30am. The children will go into the sanctuary around 10:45am. They will sing a few songs and get a visit from a special visitor. The children will then eat their snacks together with their classmates down in the social room while our guests help themselves to our refreshments. Although the children will be dismissed following refreshments, please do not leave without letting a staff member know you or a caregiver will be taking your child.
- III. The January newsletter will be distributed when students return in January. Please refer to the December newsletter for any information regarding the first classes in January.

CLASS NOTES

In November we read stories, sang songs about friendly monsters. We became super heroes and learned that super heroes are helpful and do good works. Kindness was emphasized during the month.

The children have been working on beginning and continuing scissor skills. In order to strengthen hand, arm and shoulder muscles (for cutting and writing) they have been tearing paper of different textures and crumpling paper. They will be using objects such as clothes pins and tongs to strengthen hand and arm muscles and to increase agility. They will practice opening and closing the scissors **with the thumb in the small hole at the top of the hand while cutting**. They will learn that the opposite hand (helper hand) must turn the paper so the cutting hand does not have to turn.

The scissor safety rules that they will learn include:

1. Holding scissors by the blade in order to hand them to another person or to walk with the scissors.
2. Scissors at school are not for cutting hair, clothes, or skin.

During our time together in December, we will learn Christmas songs, make some Christmas decorations and make Christmas cookies. We will be discussing what animals do in winter, including hibernation, migration and estivation.

Some of the books we shared in November include:

Tickle Monster - Edouard Manceau

Go Away, Big Green Monster - Ed Emberly

Leonardo, the Terrible Monster - Mo Willems



There is a Monster Under My Bed - James Howe

This is Thanksgiving - Zembke

Thanksgiving is Almost Here - Rockwell

10 Fat Turkeys - Johnston

Good Morning, Superman - Dahl

Be a Star-Wonder Woman - Dahl

What's My Super Power - Johnston and Mack

The Napping House - Audrey Wood

The Full Moon at the Napping House - Audrey Wood

A favorite Thursday class book was:

Spookly, the Square Pumpkin - Troisano

Our Thursday class enjoyed the video "Fire Engines"

The Thursday class will learn and act out the following nursery rhymes:

Jack be Nimble, Jack be Quick

Little Jack Horner

*We are still working on getting our Thursday students to properly hold their writing/drawing/coloring crayons, markers, etc. Using the opposing hand as a helper hand to hold paper is a very important skill for these students, also.

Have a wonderful Christmas Season!!

LLNS Staff

