

The Smile

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Dear Parents,

Glitter is flying and there is a wave of excitement in the air at Happy Face. The children are busy creating holiday gifts and exploring new areas in social studies, science, language and math as they learn about holidays celebrated around the world and at home.

The 4s will continue to explore the five senses during the first part of the month. They will listen to the story *Night Tree*, by Eve Bunting, our author of the month. They will also study the changes taking place in "winter" and celebrating the holidays.

The shape for the 3s in December is the TRIANGLE and the color WHITE.

In order to enhance what your child learns in school, please take the time to point out objects at home shaped like triangles and colored white.

The nursery rhymes covered in December for the 2.5s are*: Little Jack Horner*, *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* and *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*.

For our holiday party and sing-a-long the entire school will celebrate together on Friday, December 20th. (Even if your child does not attend school on Fridays we would like them to come to the party; they will be performing).  Parents and families are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall. Please drop off like normal at 9am and the sing-a-long will begin at 9:15am. Look for a Sign-up Genius in the next week or so to sign up to bring a snack to share. All children are to go home with their families at the end of the party. There is no lunch bunch or Amazing Athletes that day.

In case of inclement weather, we base our school delays and closings on the Lebanon Twp. School System. Happy Face’s text chain will contact you any time there is a schedule change. Inclement weather announcements will also be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages and sent out in an eBlast.

The Happy Face staff wishes you and your families a very healthy and happy holiday season.

Keep Smiling,

Elizabeth

# Letter from the Director

Elizabeth Denis

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Board Notes

## Updates from the Board of Trustees

Meeting Held: 11/21/24

In attendance: E. Denis, B. McGinnis, N. Lang,

W. Wilding, J. Keyes and J. McCloskey

*Board meetings are typically held the 1st Thursday of the month in the Happy Face Nursery School Conference Room @ 7pm*

**All are Welcome!**

Notes:

* Budget
* Thanksgiving Feast
* Holiday Party
* 50th anniversary Fun Run
* Fundraising
* Playground fence repair discussion



THANK YOU to all of our community members who participated in the ShopRite gift card orders in November. We donated over $150 in gift cards to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry!

Be on the lookout for the next ShopRite gift card order, due **Wednesday, December 11th!**

Our next meeting is scheduled for  
 **Thursday, January 2, 2025**

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News

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, we base our school delays and closings on the Lebanon Twp. School System. Don’t worry if you’re not connected with the LT School system yet. Happy Face’s text chain will contact you any time there is a schedule change. It will also be posted on Facebook, Instagram and sent out in an eBlast.

**Delayed Opening** – School will run 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch bunch pick up is 1 p.m. Enrichment programs continued as scheduled.

**Early Dismissal** – Morning sessions will end at the usual time of 11:30 a.m. but all afternoon programs including lunch bunch will be cancelled.



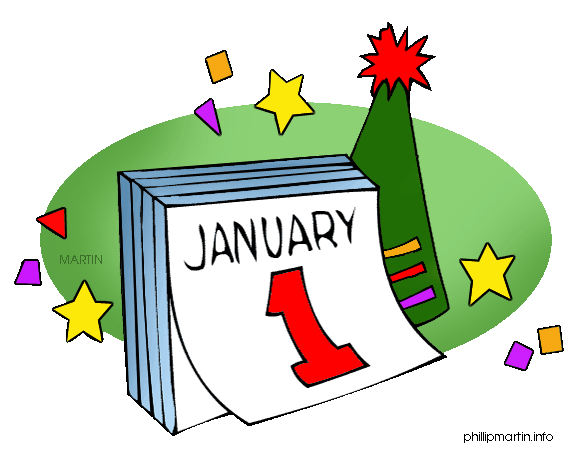


## A Quick Reminder

If the weather is above 40 degrees we go outside to play. Please remember to pack a hat, gloves and winter coat for your child.

We want all of our students to be warm and comfortable during the winter months! Thanks!

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Notices

**December Events & School Closing**

**Friday, December 20th – Whole School Holiday**

**sing-a-long and party (all children are to go home with their families at the end of the party; no lunch bunch or Amazing Athletes)**

**Monday, December 23rd –** **Wednesday, January 1st**

School will be closed for winter break.   
School will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025.



**ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED A FLU VACCINE BY DECEMBER 31ST OR WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL IN JANUARY. IF YOUR CHILD HAS ALREADY RECEIVED THEIR FLU VACCINE MAKE SURE YOU SEND IN THE DOCUMENTATION. THANK YOU AND STAY HEALTHY!**

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**The Happy Face Board and**

**Staff wish all of our families a safe and wonderful Holiday Season and a**

**Happy New Year!**

Review & Events

December in Review

Children will spend this month reading literature and investigating several themes and topics including:

The 2.5s will be studying:

* *Little Jack Horner*
* *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*
* *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*

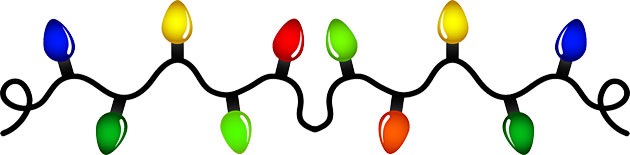
The 3s will be studying:

* Color-WHITE
* Shape-TRIANGLE
* Christmas
* Hanukkah

The 4s will be studying:

* Christmas
* Hanukkah
* Winter season - Evergreen Trees
* Holiday giving - The five senses
* Woodland creatures





Look for the next SMILE to be out in January!

\* See you in 2025! \*

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