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We Wish You A Merry Christmas



Gingerbread men. Popcorn strings. Twinkling lights. Christmas carols. The Holiday season is here. This month the curriculum explores holiday celebrations from around the world and then moves to specific weeks that focus on sights, sounds, tastes, smell, and feelings of the holidays.

Week One

Unit theme- Holidays Around the World
Bible Focus -Happy Birthday, Jesus

Week Two

Unit Theme - Sights of the Holidays
Bible Focus - The Angels Speak

Week three

Unit Theme - The Sounds of the Holidays
Bible Focus - Away In a Manger

ONIONPATCH REMINDERS

1. A friendly reminder that ALL Fees are due by the 30th of each month. A \$100 late fee will be automatically applied for fees received after that.

All school fees for January are due by **Tuesday, December 30th, 2014**. All cash payments will be received no later than Wednesday, December 24th.

Fees can be paid online, debit or credit or by cash. If you like to pay online our account number is HSBC # 010 836617 001

2. It's that time of the year again. Please be mindful that if your child is not well, arrange to see a doctor and keep them at home until they are feeling 100%.

3. If you will be going on vacation please remember to send a quick email or use your child's communication book to indicate the dates that your child will not be in school.

New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

Matteo Maybury
Luke DeCouto

Upcoming Birthdays



11 December - Chase DaPonte
15 December - Cali Butterfield
19 December - Carter Caines

Upcoming Events

December 2 - Youth Library Lower Level

December 3 - America's Cup Convoy

December 10 - Youth Library Upper Level

December 11 - Children's Christmas Party

December 16 - Caroling at the Hospital

December 17 - Kids Zone

December 19 - Cookies & Cocoa Night

December 23 - Christmas Lunch provided for students by OPA teachers

December 24 - Last day of school until New Year

January 5 - School Reopens



December 5 - Chicken Soup

December 12 - Cheese Ravioli

December 19 - Cheese Pizza

Cost: \$10.00
per lunch
\$30.00
Monthly Total

Giving Children's Books as Gifts

During the holidays and other gift-giving occasions, the lure of electronic toys for young children can be strong. Children are naturally drawn to the flash, motion, sound, and color of some toys. Although there are many toys today that teach, children's books go deeper by engaging the mind and imagination.

Holidays are a great time to build a library for children. A children's book library gives kids their own collection of treasured books worth taking care of and maybe (unbeknownst to them), passing on to another generation. Similar to the library down the street, a good collection includes classic books as well as our favorite children's books at the moment. Establishing a tradition of giving books on holidays, birthdays, or other family celebrations can help to grow lifelong readers and build a library for your child that will be passed on to future generations.

Books for Babies & Toddlers:



A Kiss Means I Love You, written by Kathryn Madeline Allen - Crisp, clear photographs illustrate the many emotions of childhood. "A laugh means it's funny, a cry means I'm sad," are the kind of words in this read-aloud text that will help children identify and relate to their own emotions.

Picture My Day by Séverine Cordier and Cynthia Lacroix - Through eye-catching illustrations and simple words, this book explores the typical moments that occur in a day for three young children.

Books for Preschoolers:



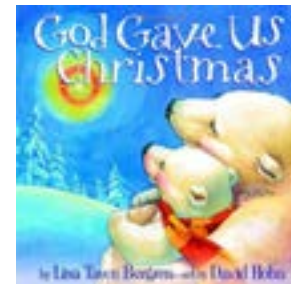
Too Tall Houses, by Gianna Marino - Owl and Rabbit are neighbors and friends who enjoy the views around them. Rabbit loves to garden and his garden gets a bit too tall for Owl's liking. Owl decides that building a taller house may solve the problem, but Rabbit becomes unhappy with that because Owl's house is now blocking the sun to grow his garden.

One Special Day, by Lola M. Schaefer - This story, written for big brothers and sisters, is simple and beautifully illustrated. Spencer is a little boy who is strong as a bear, funny as a monkey, and wild as a tiger. He goes through his typical day only to find that something special awaits him in the form of a new arrival.

LITERACY



By: Barbara Robinson



By: Lisa Tawn Bergren



By: Clement C. Moore



Habit 2 – Begin with the end in mind I plan ahead and set goals

"If you don't know where you are going, then you probably won't end up there." ~Forrest Gump

Covey Connection:

- Help your child create a checklist for school to make sure they have everything they need
- Checklists are also great for step by step instructions on how to get dressed, tie shoe laces, brush teeth, etc.