



**Peppermint
Patty's
Newsletter**

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What's Happening?

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! This month we will be wrapping up 2023 with a lot of holiday fun. We will have our cookie decorating event, holiday parties, a Polar Express party, and a Noon Year's Eve celebration. Please make sure that you are paying attention to your emails and Procure messages this month as we will be sending out important information.

One message in regards to attendance the week of Christmas has already

gone out through Procure. Don't forget, if you keep your child out the entire week of December 25th there will be no tuition charged for the week.

Book orders are available at the check in/out station. Books are one of the best gifts you can give your child. You can order using our school code online: RQVT8.

These will be due Friday December 8th.

Finally, as a reminder we will be closed on Monday December 25th & Monday January 1st for the Christmas and New Year Holiday.

Thank you for all of your support here at the center. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.



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Winter Blues

Cold and flu season is here. I want to remind you of our licensing policies when it comes to illness and exclusion. A child shall be excluded from care until they are symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. Licensing defines a fever as anything 100 degrees or higher. If your child gets sick while at school, you will be called and asked to come pick them up. If they have any symptoms at home or are unable to participate in a normal school day please keep them home so that everyone can stay healthy.

Parents if you are exhibiting any symptoms of illness, please wear a mask when coming in to pick up your children. This will help protect the other children and staff from getting sick. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping everyone healthy!



Monthly Reminders:

- Please make sure to call the office by 9am if you are running late or will be absent. Or use the ProCare app to message us!
- Peppermint Patty's dress code requires that all children were close toed shoes. Also, shorts are required under dresses and skirts.
- Peppermint Patty's will be CLOSED on Monday December 25th & Monday January 1st.
- Please make sure that your child has seasonably appropriate extra clothing in their backpack.

Cookie Decorating

No Christmas is complete without some yummy Christmas cookies. We invite you this month to join us on Tuesday December 12th from 3:30-6p to decorate a Christmas cookie. We will have a station set up in the Owl classroom that you can stop at on your way out to decorate a cookie. This is a family event so everyone is welcome to decorate their own cookie. This has been a fun tradition over the years and we can't wait for another fun evening!



Christmas Parties

We will be having our Christmas Parties on Friday December 15th. Please watch your Procure messages for a Sign Up Genius link to sign up for needed items to help our parties be a success. We will also be doing a book exchange during our parties. Please bring a wrapped age appropriate book for your child to exchange. Each gift will be numbered and the kids will take turns drawing numbers to see which book will be theirs to take home. This has been a highlight of our parties in years past and I am sure it will continue to be great fun this year!

Closings

As a reminder we will be closed Monday December 25th & Monday December 1st for Christmas and New Year's. To help us better staff and plan for the holiday week we will be asking you to sign up for the days that your child will be in attending that week. We will have paper sign up sheets located in the Owl classroom and a Sign up Genius link was sent out through Procure. You may use either one to sign up.



December 6th- Wear Red & Green!

December 12th- Family Cookie Decorating! 3:30-6pm

December 13th- Wear a Holiday Shirt!

Calendar of Events



December 15th- Christmas Party! 9am

December 20th- Polar Express Party! Pajama Day!

December 25th- Peppermint Patty's CLOSED

December 27th- Wear White!

December 29th- Dress Fancy for our Noon Year's Celebration & Photo Booth

January 1st- Peppermint Patty's CLOSED

Construction Updates



We are pleased to announce that our playground updates are finally complete. We now have a path to the Nieman building and the pavement has been sealed. You may have also noticed the new hopscotch, the bike path, parking spots for

our cozy coupes, and our numbered path. The children have been enjoying all of the new upgrades. Thank you for all of your patience and understanding during this entire process.



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Please let me know if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. I am always here to help.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating this month are:

Jordynnn turns 2 on the 17th!



"We are all like a snowflake, all different in our own beautiful way."

- Onemindfullife.com



December Theme



Theme: Winter Holidays- This theme is all about exploring the holidays of December. Topics of discussion may include but are not limited to Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, & New Year's.

Our Character Trait: Honesty- to do the right thing and tell the truth at all times even if it is difficult