



## Bringing the Garden to Us

While our garden may be dormant in the winter season, our Farm & Garden Program is not! There are so many things we can do with children to keep the interest going while we are not working in the garden. Miss Kaylee, our Farm & Garden Manager, has been putting together projects and giving them to the teachers each week. Our kiddos have been learning and participating in activities that spark interest and curiosity for foundational science learning - one of our favorite things about the Farm & Garden program!

So far our kiddos have learned about splitting persimmon seeds to “predict” the winter season, explored tulip bulbs and planted them to grow in the spring, harvested marigold seeds and rooted different kinds of potatoes. We collected books and created handouts with pictures and information for the teachers to explain the projects for the children to understand better what they were doing. In December and January we will be exploring wet versus dry pinecones, soaking banana peels in water to use on our indoor house plants and using food coloring on flowers and celery!

### \*Dates to Remember\*

- Dec 2 - Parent Volunteer Day 2-4pm
- Dec 10 - Miss Ana's 2-Year Work-aversary
- Dec 12 - Miss Tamara's 4-Year Work-aversary
- Dec 15 - Early out CLOSE at 5pm
- Dec 16 - Parents' Night Out 3-7pm
- Dec 19 - Miss Kayla's 1-Year Work-aversary
- Dec 23-Jan 1 - Winter Break CLOSED



### Happy Birthday!

- Dec 4 - Shepherd
- Dec 5 - Miss Haley
- Dec 12 - Mrs. Ashley
- Dec 14 - Callum
- Dec 14 - Emmett
- Dec 14 - Rory
- Dec 15 - Miss Stephanie
- Dec 21 - Ellis R
- Dec 22 - Miss Kaylee

# Insider's Scoop

What are we doing at Parkside?



Ms. Brigitte read Juniors a book about tulips; then they planted the bulbs!



Help on the farm! Our kiddos helped to prepare the goat space for winter.



Pre-K walked to the persimmon tree in our parking lot then split the seeds! We see knives which they said is a cold winter!



## Cameo's Kitchen Corner

With only 3 weeks left in our fall semester we are packing in all sorts of tasty foods! You'll see chickpea stew, cinnamon chili and much more. Our international cuisine this month comes from East India and Pakistan. Moong Masoor Dal is a red lentil and mung bean dish seasoned with crushed garlic, ginger and turmeric. It is often topped with tempered seasonings such as black mustard seeds, cumin seeds and coriander leaves. Wishing all our families a wonderful winter break! I can't wait to see what the new year brings to our Parkside taste buds! If you have a region of the world you'd like to see featured on the menu, or a family recipe you'd like to share, please reach out at [parksidekitchen20@gmail.com](mailto:parksidekitchen20@gmail.com).

-Chef Cameo



Over the last month I have enjoyed providing all the wonderful activities our friends have been doing to participate in the Farm & Garden Program. By providing the opportunities we're hoping to continue our love and wonder of nature during these cold months. We have more fun garden projects for the next several weeks and hope you enjoy the pictures of our friends  
-Kaylee!



Babies were so interested as they started their potato to sprout!



Waddlers & Toddlers harvesting their marigold seeds. Look at that focus!

