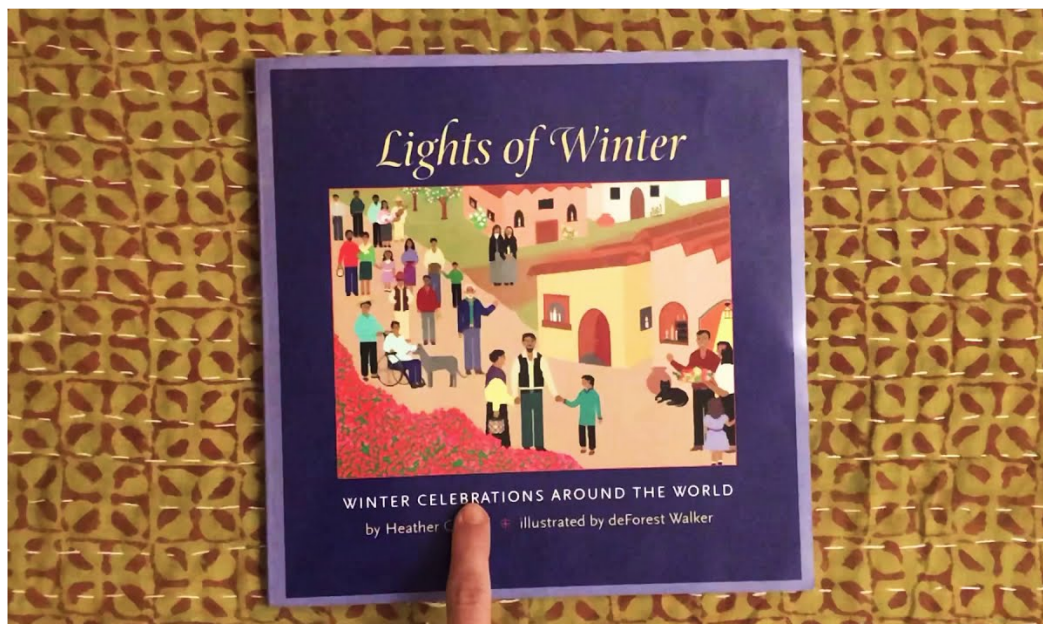


# Little Paws Montessori

December 2023



## Happy Holidays!

"The light within me honors the light within you."

It's hard to believe we are already putting away our pumpkins and leaf prints to hang our holiday decorations! December in the Montessori classroom marks the beginning of our winter unit, and the exciting works that go along with it. Some examples would be... In Geography, migration patterns. In Science, snow making. In Practical Life, wrapping a present. In Math, exploring division through the dreidel game. In Language, making 3 and 4 letter words like "sled" and "gift". So much fun to be had in the classroom!



### December 7

Parent Teacher Conferences - Children stay home



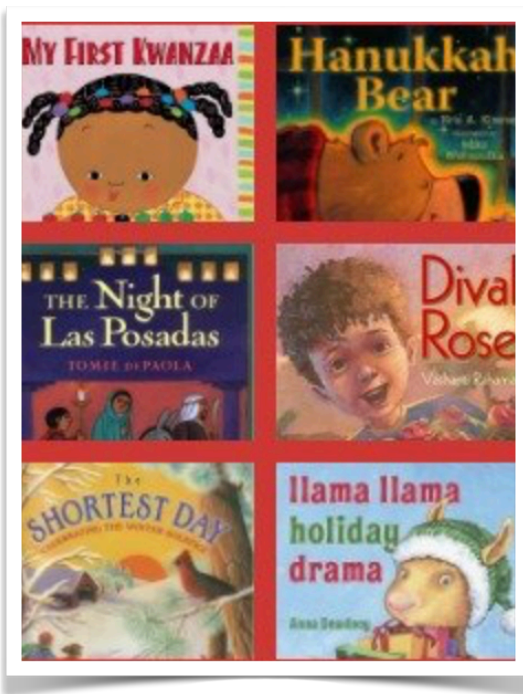
### December 15

Holiday Book Exchange - Wrapped books due by December 13



### December 19

Pajamas, cocoa, *Snowy Day* - children wear pajamas! Dec 20 - Jan 4 is Winter Break - School reopens January 5



## Holidays Around The World

This is one of our favorite times of year to discuss diversity and the love we all have in common. Many of the holidays in December revolve around light, and we take this time to study as many of them as we can, from Hanukkah to Christmas to Kwanzaa to Diwali to the Winter Solstice.

Parents also join us on a volunteer basis to share their unique traditions for the holidays. Please use the email entitled "Holidays Around The World Sign-Ups" to schedule your time slot. Suggestions below.

## Giving

At Little Paws, the holidays are all about learning about the magic of giving. We will give to each other through the Holiday Book Exchange. We will also Give To Our Community through hand-packed bags of essential items and holiday cards for friends in transition in our area. We will provide supplies, but please feel free to donate any extras you may have around, eg.: canned food, wipes, multivitamins, lip balm/lotion, socks, toothbrush/paste, reusable water bottle, deodorant, tampons, etc.



### *Holidays Around The World - parent volunteers*

*We are inviting parents to volunteer to visit us to present and share how you and your family or culture celebrates the holidays. Books, crafts, snacks/ cooking projects, videos, coloring pages, music, etc. are most welcome!*



## Holidays Reminders

### Holiday Book Exchange

Please bring one wrapped children's book (used or new) by December 13th for the Holiday Book Exchange on December 15th.

Please fill out the gift tag: "From: <Your Child's Name>, To: My Friend"

### Blessing Bags

Please feel free to bring any extra items you may have at home to donate to our blessing bags. Teachers will distribute them locally before the holidays to neighbors who are between homes. You are most welcome to take some to distribute as well. Feel free to check in with Miss Faith about what we already have and what we could use more of.

This is not a toy drive, but if you are interested in donating toys locally, Baby2Baby has an excellent holiday drive!

### Holidays Around The World

If you would like to sign up to share more about how your family likes to celebrate the holidays, please follow instructions in the email. Parents in the past have presented books/songs/performances/food from traditions such as: Lucia in Sweden, La Befana in Italy, Chinese lantern lighting (in January), gingerbread house decorating, lighting the menorah, snowman making, playing dreidel, etc.

