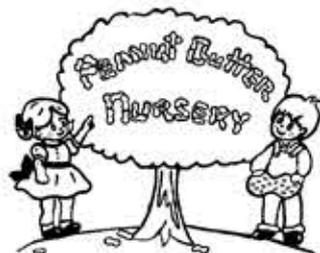


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Dear Parents,

WELCOME TO DECEMBER!! . . . our color this month is GREEN . . .

Excitement filters the air as the Christmas spirit of love and sharing fills our classrooms!!

We have planned many special projects where emphasis is once again placed on developing listening skills and following directions. We will have further discussions about animals preparing for winter – many new words and phrases will be introduced to help build your child's vocabulary.

The holidays can be stressful at times for families because there is much to do and so little time to do it. Try to make sure your pre-schooler doesn't feel left out of the excitement of the season. Include your child in holiday preparations as much as possible – baking cookies, wrapping gifts and activities that a pre-schooler can help with. You'll accomplish tasks that need to be done and more important you will create memories for your child of special times spent with you!!

LAST MONTH

- ❖ **School picture orders** have been placed, and will be handed out before Christmas break.
- ❖ We enjoyed celebrating **Thanksgiving** with all the children during our pizza feast. We loved discussing what each of them was thankful for.
- ❖ **Our 3-year old children** continue to work on developing small motor skills thru use of play dough, paste, paint and manipulative toys. They are listening and following directions very well. We are pleased with their progress and they all seem very happy to be at Peanut Butter Nursery School!!
- ❖ **Our Pre-K students** continue to practice writing their names and cutting with scissors. We are starting to teach them to remember their address and phone number – if you have any updates, please let us know.

THIS MONTH

- ❖ **Christmas Parties** . . . will be on Tuesday, December 17th and Wednesday, December 18th – Santa will be visiting!!
Important – Hush – Please Keep Secret (especially from your child)!! Please bring in a children's book, wrapped and tagged with your child's name, by no later than Wednesday, December 11th. Santa will give the book to your child during our party. Please try to keep book cost under \$10. We will have bags in the lounge – down the hall near the Church Office – to collect the books.
- ❖ Help us celebrate **Polar Express Day** by dressing the kids in their favorite pajamas on December 19th (Thu) and 20th (Fri) – and Monday the 16th for our MW afternoon Nursery School class!
- ❖ **Christmas Vacation** – Christmas break this year will be Monday, December 23rd through Friday, January 3rd. School will resume on Monday, January 6th.
- ❖ **Our Weekly Readers** this month will help your child to learn about winter holidays and hibernation (“A Season to Give” and “Go to Sleep, Bear”).
- ❖ **Mary Ann Halsey** will continue teaching music this month. The children enjoy her live guitar/piano playing!



REMINDERS

- ❖ **School Calendar** – Peanut Butter Nursery School follows the Westhill School calendar for No School Days.
- ❖ **School Closings and Delays** – We follow Westhill School District's lead in determining snow days or delays. In case of bad weather, watch TV channels 3 or 9. To confirm and clarify:
 - If Westhill closes, we will be closed
 - If Westhill announces a 1-hour delay, morning classes will begin at 10:00 am
 - If Westhill has a 2-hour delay, morning classes will be cancelled
 - In either case of delay, afternoon classes will continue on their regular schedule
- ❖ **Birthdays** – If your child is celebrating a Birthday in school, you may send in goodies for his/her own class. Please let one of the teachers know what day you wish to send in your treats.
- ❖ **Clothes** – Please dress your child in easy on/off clothing for bathroom time. Please label your child's coat and boots to prevent loss – especially now that winter weather is approaching. At pickup time, please bring your child's coat and boots into the classroom and dress them there.
- ❖ **Snacks** – Reminder, only one (1) can of juice (easy on sugared juices, no juice boxes please) OR one (1) box of cookies or crackers are necessary per month – NOT BOTH. If you contribute to parties, that is enough for your monthly contribution. Also, please no hard candy or peanut butter crackers/cookies!
- ❖ As the **flu season** approaches, we are making sure our students wash their hands after bathroom time and before snack time. We are also learning to catch our sneezes and coughs in our sleeve. Please reinforce these important practices at home.
- ❖ **Absences/Illness** – For health and safety reasons, please call the school if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Please do not send your child to school with fever or flu symptoms. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter so that we can keep your children safe and well.
- ❖ **Tuition** – Remember, late fees will be imposed after the 10th.
- ❖ **Parking** – If you park behind someone – make sure you get in and out of school as quickly as possible so that you do not block them in. Also, there is no parking in the Pastor's spot or handicapped spots. Your continued cooperation and patience with the parking situation is greatly appreciated.

WISHING ALL OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

**THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING US WITH YOUR MOST PRECIOUS ASSETS . . .
AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT . . .**

Jen Gilmartin – Karen Delano – Janet Connor



*Merry
Christmas*

