



Panda December News with Sandy and Ginny

Thank You!!

We would like to thank Lori (Ian's mom) and Wendy (Crosby's mom) for helping us celebrate Thanksgiving by planning a great party.

If you would like to sign up to host a party, please let us know. There are quite a few holidays left.

A big thank you to Talia and her family for the playdough for November. Again, there are many dates available for making playdough.

We would also like to thank Ian and his family for giving the class a Science kit for his birthday.

Happy Birthday!!!

We have 1 Birthday this month.
Happy Birthday Gavin!!

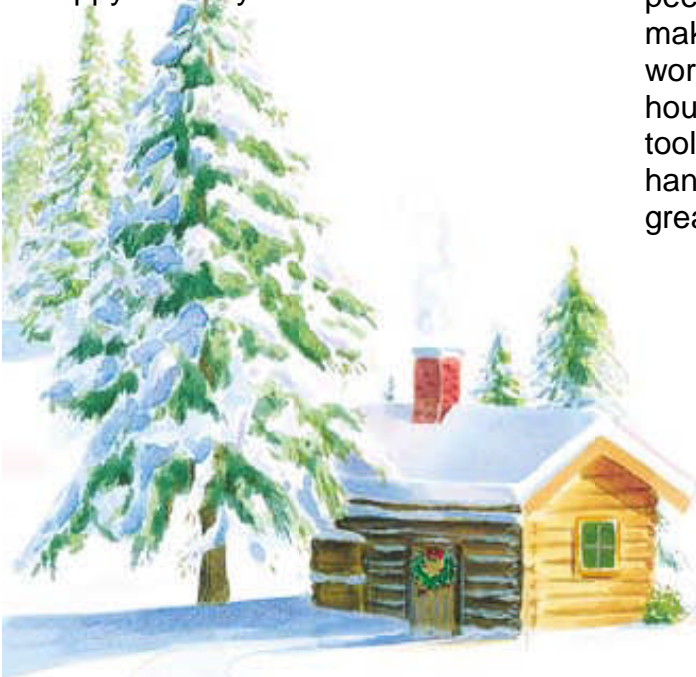
Thanksgiving dinner, Thanksgiving
dinner,

Gather round, Gather round.....

We hope that you enjoyed hearing your child singing their Thanksgiving song. They worked very hard all month learning it. It was very cute! We spent a lot of time talking about what being thankful means to each of us. We hope everyone enjoyed reading what your child is thankful for. The children made many turkeys, Native American bead necklaces, headdresses, and pilgrim hats.

Merry Christmas!! Happy Hanukkah!!
Happy Kwanzaa!

This month we will be learning about the 3 wonderful December holidays and what makes each one of them so special. If you have any special traditions that you would like to share with us, please let us know. We would love for you to come into the class. We have some special activities planned. We will be working on many crafts, songs, and cooking projects this month. Please try not to peek when your in the class, we will be hard at work making some family gifts for the holidays. Speaking of working hard, what a wonderful month to turn our housekeeping area into a toy workshop, complete with tools and gizmos. If anyone has any extra scraps of wood hanging around that you would love to get rid of, we will greatly appreciate it.



The Skills of the Month..... Thumbs Up!

The skill we will be working on this month is cutting. We will be teaching the children how to safely use scissors and the proper way of holding them. The scissors will be out in the art center for practice. I know that scissors can be a hard thing to do at home, especially with younger siblings running around, but it is a very important skill to work on. Old holiday cards, calendars, anything of heavier card stock is easier for children to hold and cut. We tell the children "thumbs Up" when cutting. This way they know the correct position of their fingers.

We are continuing to pour our own milk, put on our own outside gear (yes, that does include hats, mittens and gloves), and walking in a straight line from one point to another. The Play Pals are working out great. The children are making new friends and learning to "compromise" on where to play first.

Conferences

Conferences will be held Dec.3rd. Please remember that if you ever have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to speak with me. We don't need to wait for conferences to roll around to talk. These conferences are for you and I please no children.

Are you and your family up for a challenge?

We have many lonely letters that are awaiting loving homes to adopt them. The first one is a simple one. It is the letter K. The Letters N-R and U-Z are also lonely, but yet a bit more of a challenge. And Yes, we do accept bribes and offer stickers as assentives!!!

Panda of the Day

We started Panda of the Day last month with Sean and Brian being our first two. On our Parent Board there is a sign up calendar for Panda of the Day. Please sign up on a day that is convenient for you. All Panda's will have a turn to be the Panda of the Day by May. All Pandas and material will be displayed at our Panda Autobiography Night in June. Date to be announced.

A couple of last minute reminders

Since the weather is turning colder, please make sure your child is dresses appropriately for the day. We do go out every day, even if it is for a little walk out the front door and in the back door. So, hats, mittens, and a warm coat would be great! Also, please make sure your child has weather appropriate extra clothing in their cubby. They may not have an accident, but milk spills are common.

We will be closed Dec. 24th and reopening on the 4th.

From our homes to yours, Ginny and I wish everyone a joyful Holiday Season and a wonderful and safe New Year. We'll see everyone in 2010!



Our little Native Americans & Pilgrims

