

Miss Nanette and Miss Anna
News from Room #1

November was a month full of a variety of activities from seeing nature at its best to being good neighbors by doing acts of kindness, and expressing things that we are thankful for.

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: In the area of art the children really enjoyed creating one of a kind turkey feathers and telling us what they were thankful for. The story The Little Red Hen and the Ear of Wheat was about neighbors not being so neighborly. The end of the book had everyone helping. Partner Painting ended with a problem solving activity. "Who gets to bring it home?" The children came up with some very fair solutions. The children immersed themselves in the hands on math activity of sorting and graphing the items brought for the Baby Needs Pantry. Our first attempt at story dictation was very successful. We hope you enjoyed reading the children's "If I Had A Pet Turkey" stories as much as we did. During Science, Math and Art week we learned about "diffusion" as we painted on special paper and chalk drawing on an abstract shape design.

SHOW AND TELL: Please bring something that a Reindeer might eat on Thursday, December 14 or Friday, December 15.

PARENT HELPERS: Thank you to Stephen Mullins, Andrea Taylor, Laura Gajewski and Amber Barnes for spending time in our classroom in November.

WINTER CLOTHING: Please send your child prepared for the great outdoors. We will plan to spend at least a short amount of time outside each day. Also, please start encouraging your child to put on his/her coat, mittens, etc and practice zipping zippers. We have been working on this in class. You will be amazed at how much your child can really do. Sometimes there are those stubborn zippers that will continue to need adult assistance.

PARENTS CONFERENCES: I will be available for conferences on Tuesday afternoon December 19 and Saturday morning January 16th. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. I am also available most afternoons and before / after class by appointment. Please arrange care for your children. Thank you.

MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS: Please join us for the first half hour of class (9 a.m.) on Thursday, December 21 or Friday, December 22 to listen to the children perform some traditional and some not so traditional seasonal songs.

PLAYDOUGH RECIPE: I've had some requests for my playdough recipe. ☺ Here it is: 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, ½ container of Cream of Tartar (spice section), 2 cups water, 1 tbl of vegetable oil, food coloring. Put all ingredients in a pan and cook on medium heat (stir frequently) until it forms a ball. Remove and cool. I add other things to make it fun like peppermint, vanilla, almond extract. The pumpkin pie playdough had a small jar of pumpkin pie spice. Enjoy!

WHAT'S AHEAD: Themes for the month of December include Gingerbread People and Holiday Happenings. We will be using the children's art projects to decorate our room and will send them home the day of the musical presentations.

*****HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON*****

