



DECEMBER THEMATIC UNIT : WINTER HOLIDAYS

Main concepts during this month:

- Explore various types of holiday celebrations for a variety of world traditions and cultures.
- Use materials and equipment to observe and explore the concept of winter and the holidays.
- Learn that world holidays are culturally significant and meaningful
- Discover basic concepts about holidays and winter through hands-on experimentation and activities.

Learning Objectives: We Will Be Observing

Scientific Thinking and Problem Solving

- Can name at least one similarity and difference in objects.
- Orders objects by size.

Personal and Social Development

- Understands other's rights to be safe

BOOKS WE WILL BE READING

Primera Navidad,
!Ya Llegan los Reyes Magos!
N is for Navidad,
La Leyenda de la Flor de Nochebuena,
La Noche de las Posadas,
Pancho's Piñata,
El Regalo de la Flor de Nochebuena,
El Regalo de Navidad,
El Burrito de Belen,
El Pequeno tamborillero,
Arturo y la Navidad,
!Un Dia Una Senora se Trago Una Campana,
Olivia Se Prepara para la Navidad.
Los Siete Principios de Kwanzaa.
La Navidad de Winnie Puh

Learning Objectives: We Will Be Reviewing

Math & Logical Thinking

Counts objects 0 – 10
Forms groups ranging from 0 – 10
Matches correct numbers to groups of 0 – 10
Recognizes and copies patterns

Scientific Thinking & Problem Solving

Works with the class to gather and interpret data.

Language and Communication Development

Identifies own name in print and everyday classroom objects

Participates in reading and storytelling

Creativity and the Arts

Uses a variety of tools and materials for exploration.

Fine Motor Skills

Uses various writing tools appropriately.

Personal & Social Development

Shows interest in problem solving

Recognizes differences of those from diverse backgrounds.

Approaches tasks with flexibility.

THIS MONTH ...

Christmas Party will be December 15 & 16 at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to share a dish, please write it down on the sign up list.

Xmas Break December 23 at noon. Please note the school will close at 12 pm December 23. Children will not have lunch with us that day.

We will resume classes Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

We are always happy to take recycle items that come in handy as we work in Creativity & Art, Construction & Design, and other areas of the classroom!

Here is a list of the items that we could use for these coming weeks:

Newspaper ads (grocery stores, drug stores etc), catalogs, macaroni noodles, magazines, a variety of clean socks, small and / or paper plates, buttons, clean & empty food containers, wall paper scraps or gift wrap