



HARRISON CHILDREN'S CENTER DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to December and all the excitement that goes along with this month!! Our fall bulletin boards were dismantled and winter boards will slowly be "created" by the students. The 3's are working on their fireplace to accompany the Holiday Tree. Gingerbread People will soon be visiting us with lots of Holiday goodies to be attached to the house. The Busy Bees are quite busy building their Polar Express Train and off they will go. The energy level is quite high this month, but it's the time of the year where excitement is in abundance!!

During the month, we will be sharing various holiday traditions that are celebrated in everyone's homes. There will be lots of activities, songs and traditional food. Towards the end of the month we will be having a cookie contest with your children fulfilling the role of judges. They will taste and graph which cookies are their favorites. So....get busy brushing up on your cookie baking skills!!

December Happenings: Please mark your calendars for the following monthly activities:

December 5 th	Art Class with Miss Doreen
December 6 th	Nature of Things – Animals
December 11 th	Sign Language (Busy Bees only)
December 19 th	Art with Miss Doreen

Unfortunately, the music teacher has taken a full time position in another school. I am actively looking for her replacement. Hopefully, I have someone in place for January.

Holiday Closings for December: Just a reminder; we will be closed from Monday December 24th and re-open Wednesday January 2nd.

Hand washing & Health Care Policy: While I realize missing work can be difficult, keeping sick children at home is the best way to prevent the spread of germs and illnesses. When dropping your child off in the morning, please take your child to the bathroom and have them wash their hands before starting their day. This is one way to help stop the spread of germs and is a NY State Regulation. Please refer to your Parent Handbook for a review of our Health Care Policy. (Extra Parent Handbooks near parent sign in table) For more information on flu prevention please go to:

<http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal/>

Weather Related School Closings: In case of weather related closings or delays please watch Channel 12 or check for notice through our G-Mail alerts.

Toys from Home: As the year progresses the size of the toys increases. Please limit items from home to items such as books, small stuffed animals and quiet SMALL toys that can fit in top of the cubbies. Trucks that make noises, weapons, etc... are not appropriate for school. We allow them to get their toy during rest and toys that make noises are not allowed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hats & Gloves: Despite the fact that it's still warm, when the weather is colder please remember to send your child to the center with mittens, hats and warm coats. If we do have opportunity for snow, don't forget boots. While it may seem warmer in your car/garage they still need warm coats.

Save the Date: We will give this a try one more time..... Please save Friday Evening January 11th for our Family Pizza Night. (5:30 – 7:30)

From Our Family at HCC to Your Family.....We wish you a Very Happy Holiday Season and Healthy New Year!!

