

## December Newsletter

### Mrs. Madaus' Preschool Class

Miss Jillienne and I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and beginning of December! The school year seems to be going very quickly. We are very pleased with the progress and learning that has been happening in the classroom.

During the first week of December the students have met 2 new Alphafriends: Yetta Yo-Yo for letter Yy and Willy Worm for letter Ww. During the letter Yy week we had discussions about the color yellow, things that make us say "yucky" and "yummy," and increased our vocabulary on words that start with the letter Yy and /y/. This week as we learn about letter W we are focusing on the upcoming season on winter and weather which connects to snow and the color white. These discussions will connect to the "Our Four Seasons" theme that we started in November. We will be looking at and comparing characteristics of each season, regarding weather, clothing, and activities. The books read and the art projects completed this week will keep within this theme of the winter season and the upcoming holidays of the month. Continue the discussion at home as we enjoy the transition from fall to winter, and the holidays of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

Last week we had a book study of the folktale, "The Gingerbread Man." Different versions of this story were read, discussed, and compared. We listened to the classic version The Gingerbread Man and then a less familiar version called Gingerbread Man Loose in the School. \*Please work with your child if she/he has not yet created their gingerbread boy/girl. They can use crayons, markers, or decorate it in any fashion they would like. We have made a beautiful bulletin board and would like everyone to be part of it!

We have started learning about some different holidays celebrated in the month of December like, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas. If anyone celebrates a different holiday during this month please let us know. We will be reading stories, singing songs, and creating art for the season.

Thank you all for everything you do to keep our students engaged and learning! We are noticing growth and creativity everyday. Please let us know if there is anything you need, including coats, hats, and mittens.

From: Mrs. Madaus and Miss Jillienne and Miss Erinne our student teacher

Dates to remember:

December 13-14: Parent Teacher conferences (on Google Meet)

December 23- January 3: Holiday Break

