

The holiday season has arrived! Our classrooms will be filled with decorations, lighted trees, holiday stories and songs, and children creating special gifts just for you. Enjoy the feeling this beautiful season brings! We wish your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year!

#### "LETTERS TO SANTA"

Children will be busy early in the month preparing their letters to Santa! Each child will draw a picture of what they want for Christmas and the teachers will add any message the child has for Santa. Letters will then be mailed by the children via the special mailbox in our foyer which will magically whisk each letter off to Santa at the North Pole!

# "CHRISTMAS JINGLES" Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>



It's time for some holiday fun! Mrs. Jan Meisel (a former Wee Know teacher) will host a morning of holiday songs and interactive musical activities with each classroom! HO.HO.HO!!

# Christmas Jammies & Cookies

# Wednesday, Dec. 20 & Thursday, Dec. 21

You heard right! Wear your Christmas jammies to school on these days as we celebrate the season with cookie decorating in each classroom!

## **SEVERE WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

Winter has arrived, and so has the season of unpredictable weather. We always try to remain open, however, in the event of severe weather or hazardous conditions, our school may close. Closing information will be listed on TV channels 4, 6 and 12 and their websites, <u>Classroom</u> Facebook pages, school voicemail and an email will be sent to all families.

#### **REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2024**

Registration will be starting in late January for currently enrolled, alumni and new families. Kettle Moraine district 4K families may choose "Wee Know" for their child's morning 4-K program (at no cost) with an option for wrap around care if needed. 4K children from other districts can also attend but must privately pay. Summer and Fall registration forms and information on Wee Know 4K options will be distributed in mid-January. Please contact our office if you need ANY assistance.



# CHICKADEE NEWS



From Mrs. Friend, Ms. Rylee & Ms. Emma

In November we discussed manners and practiced using "please" & "thank you" at snack and lunch time. We have made turkeys in every way imaginable using all different types of tools and media. We danced the "Turkey Pokey" and read about foods that we eat on Thanksgiving.

We spent the last few days talking about thankfulness. We started the conversation by reading, <u>The Thankful Book</u> by Todd Parr and asking what makes you thankful? We love the variety of answers we got from the Chickadees! We are so thankful for the Chickadee families and the time we get to spend with your kiddos. Now on to the Holiday Season!

#### **DECEMBER THEMES & ACTIVITIES**

Nov. 27-Dec 1

<u>Here Comes Winter:</u> Temperatures have dropped so we will talk about dressing for outside in appropriate clothing, hibernation and will conduct some science experiments with ice!

Dec. 4-8



<u>Christmas Trees & Holiday Cheer:</u> What goes on top of your tree? An angel, a bow, a star? We will create different kinds of ornaments for our Christmas tree while focusing on our shapes of the month.

Dec. 11-15

<u>Gingerbread:</u> We will continue the month with many variations of the classic book <u>The Gingerbread Man.</u> We will make a gingerbread house for the classroom and even bake our own gingerbread man cookie.

Dec. 18-22



<u>Holiday Fun:</u> This will be a festive week with treats, cozy Christmas jammies! Be sure to wear your Christmas jammies on Wednesday & Thursday! For bathroom purposes, please send your child in a 2-piece set.

Dec. 27-29

<u>Friend's Choice</u>: On the days following Christmas, we will have some holiday fun! The children will help choose the stories and center activities for these days. We will also talk about what we did for Christmas and start celebrating the New Year!

# **Winter Clothing**

The winter season is coming! Our outside time is at 9:10 a.m. weather permitting that is, temperature/wind chill above 20 degrees. **LABEL EVERYTHING, EACH BOOT, EACH MITTEN, JACKETS, HATS, SNOWPANTS, ETC.** 

- Daily needs winter jacket, hat and mittens (preferred over gloves) are essential!
- When the snow flies, snow pants and boots are required.
- Snow clothes can stay at school for the season or sent home daily/weekly. Please let us know which you prefer.

## **Potty Time**

We are making progress with potty learning in our classroom! With your child being off during the Christmas holidays, it might be a great opportunity to try. It normally takes 3 days of consistent training. A great resource is Potty Training in a Weekend by Rebecca Mansfield. It is a short entertaining book that gives a few tips on how to best approach this milestone with your child. Some of our families have had success with the book Oh Crap! Potty Training Everything Modern Parents Need to Know to do it Once and Do it Right by Jamie Glowacki. Please keep us posted on your child's progress as we are here to help you with continued success in the multi-step skill.

