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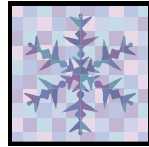
Dec. 8—Last Day of School for Ms. Amy's Class (Class Party @ 11:30)

Dec. 9—Ms. Amy Parent Conferences

Dec. 16—Last Day of School for Pre-K early dismissal @ 11:30 am

Jan. 2—First day of School for Pre-K!

Jan. 11—Ms. Amy's Class Returns



Classroom Happenings.....

During the month of December, we will take a look at the Winter Season. Winter weather brings changes to the natural world all around and changes in the things we do, the things we eat, and the things we wear. Topics for exploration include ice, snow, winter clothing, family winter traditions and celebrations, winter activities, and snowmen. Please keep your fingers crossed for snow!

December Vocabulary

Frost, freeze, sleet, slippery, bare, flake, cozy, melt, celebrate, festival, invitation, refreshment, decoration, monochromatic, memory, tradition

Continue the learning at home.....

Take a nature walk through your neighborhood or in a park or other outdoor area. Help your child observe the changes in the plants and trees. Talk about the temperature and the clothes you are wearing. Notice any wildlife and evidence of weather such as snow, ice, wind, or sleet.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season! Thank you for a wonderful semester!! We look forward to seeing everyone in January!



PRE-K CLASS

Friday, December 16th is the last day before winter break for our Pre-K Class. We will dismiss at 11:30 am. To celebrate our last day children and parents will work together to make gingerbread houses. Our boys will make their gingerbread houses from 8:00-9:30. We will share a breakfast snack at 9:30 and our girls will make their houses from 10:00-11:30.

It is hard to believe that our first semester is almost over! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped the school year run so smoothly! We are so appreciative of all you do!

Winter Break



UNA will be closed for Winter Break Saturday, Dec. 17, thru Sunday, January 1. We will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2012.



Our annual Thanksgiving Lunch was a huge success.

The food was delicious and the children had a great time. Thank you to everyone!!

Parents, did you know.....

In a recent survey conducted by VOICES for Alabama's Children, kindergarten teachers responded to questions related to the educational readiness of students entering their classrooms.

Of six skills that were listed on the questionnaire, the skill that kindergarten teachers ranked as most crucial for students' later school success was the "ability to pay attention." This skill was followed by the "ability to follow instructions," "early reading or pre-reading skills," "ability to share and play with other children," "recognition of shapes and colors," and "counting and early math skills."