

FRIDAY FLYER
THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
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Dec 14th – Dec. 18th 2009



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS –Our after school programs begin January 4th. If you are interested and have not yet signed up for a class, please send the application in the first day of school.

2010 – 2011 APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS – To receive the program of choice and a waived enrollment fee, please send in your applications before January 1st.

Thank youto Alina for the delicious Holiday treats for the teachers. We are all enjoying them at lunch.

Thank youto Madame Fry for the delicious cookies for the teachers. They are a special European treat for us!

Thank you to Penelope for the beautiful poinsettia for our classroom. It helped create a festive look!

Thank you to Nicholas for the wonderful treats for the teachers. We enjoyed the sweetness after lunch.

Thank you to Annie for the beautiful holiday serving dish. We will enjoy it in our classroom for years to come!

SNACK – A special thank you to Christopher C., Cristyn, Marco, Ryan, Michael M. and Nessa for sharing snack with their friends.

BIRTHDAY – Birthday wishes to Phoebe and Nessa.

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons- We have had a wonderful week in the Little Room! We have been discussing Kwanzaa and have introduced the Kwanzaa Kinara (candleholder) and the children learned how to prepare for the Karamu (big feast). Our students are looking forward to performing for you and have enjoyed their rehearsals for the BIG Holiday Show up on the BIG stage. For most of them this is the first time they will be on stage and we're sure you'll be as impressed with them as we are. The children have been wonderful and having the chance to share in their excitement is one of the true blessings of the holiday season.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri – This week we talked about Kwanzaa and how it is a wonderful holiday that celebrates unity and pride. We have also been practicing for our Holiday show on the stage! We can't wait for the big day!

LANGUAGE- Our new activities this week were the "b" coloring and objects. Both activities reinforce the "b" sound.

PRACTICAL LIFE-Our new activity this week was Christmas tree decorating. This is a fun activity to help refine small motor skills and build concentration.

SENSORIAL- Snowman box nesting and drum stacking were shown to help discriminate between large and small.

MATH – Christmas tree gem counting was shown to reinforce number recognition, quantities and counting.

ART- The children made special holiday cards for our parents this week. We can't wait to give them to our loved ones!!!

SOUND OF THE WEEK – For the week of: January 4th "r" as in red

BIG ROOM – Mrs. Sarno, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Gerst -

PRACTICAL LIFE – We are practicing zippering with the multi zipper pouch. Hopefully we will be able to zip our own coats soon. The straight tweezers activity is helping to improve our pincer grip and eye hand coordination. We continue to work with the seasonal activities in practical life to prepare us for the coming holidays.

LANGUAGE – We read holiday books of Christmas and Hanukah. The books will be on the shelf through the month of January to insure all have had a chance to enjoy them.

SENSORIAL – Ornament card matching helped our identification skills. Icicle sorting enabled us to distinguished differences. Green olives and black olives were sampled for tasting. We discovered all olives do not taste the same. The seasonal shelf work was reviewed throughout the week.

MATH – This week we reviewed all of our favorite holiday counting activities. We also read "More or Less" and "Missing Mittens" by: S.J. Murphy.

SOCIAL STUDIES – This week we discussed the unique African American holiday of Kwanzaa. The word Kwanzaa comes from the African Language Swahili and means "fruits of the harvest". It is celebrated with families and friends gathering together to share a delicious feast of traditional foods.

SCIENCE – Centrifugal force enabled us to keep a marble spin upside down in an open ended jar. We discussed how some common machines (washers, dryers) use this force to do their jobs. Gravity and its effects were also an interesting topic discussed.

ART – To celebrate Kwanzaa we made Kinara's.

VOCABULARY – bleachers, stage, audience, gravity, centrifugal force

SOUND OF THE WEEK - For the week of: January 4th "r" rabbit
January 11th "n" nose

French for the following week – Seasons Greetings from Switzerland. Me-heur voeux de saisons de la Suisse.

CALENDAR REMINDER

December 21st – January 3rd

January 4th

Monday

**No School – Holiday
Vacation
School re-opens**

THE ACADEMY – A Great Place To Be!!!