

FRIDAY FLYER

THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

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Nov. 30th – Dec. 4th 2009



The Children's Academy cordially invites family and friends to attend

THE HOLIDAY SHOW
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009
10:30 A.M.

Children arrive at 10:00 in their Holiday best! Show begins promptly at 10:30!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS - Your children will be bringing home our winter after school programs package this week. Please send applications back promptly. Classes begin the first week of January.

2010 – 2011 APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS – Remember to send in your applications for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Students and family members will receive free enrollment fee if the forms are received before January 1, 2010.

PICTURES – Your children will be bringing their Lifetouch photos home on Friday. A retake day is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th at 9:00. Please notify the office if you are interested. The retake pictures will not be available until after the holiday vacation.

TOY DRIVE – Our toy drive has begun! Teach your children the meaning of helping others less fortunate. The toys will be picked up by the fire department and distributed to those in need.

LOST – One of our students has lost her winter coat and a zipper hooded sweatshirt. The coat is black and the sweatshirt is grey. If your child has accidentally brought either of these items home, please return them to school.

THANK YOU – To Kennedy for the Thanksgiving treat she gave to the teachers. We all enjoyed them!

MUSIC PRELUDES –On Wednesday, December 3rd the class was cancelled. This class will be made up at a future date during the year. You will be notified of the make-up date upon Miss Ruth's return next week.

SNACK – Thank you to the following students who brought in snack to share with their friends; Marco, Cristyn, Christopher C. and Matthew. A special Thank You to Kennedy for the thanksgiving treat she gave to the teachers!

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons

We started the new month with the color **green**, the shape **star** and the number **4**.

PRACTICAL LIFE – Holiday sock sorting and tonging were shown.

LANGUAGE – Our book shelves in the language area now contain books regarding the holiday season and winter weather.

MATH – The math cylinder box was introduced which has become an instant classroom favorite.

SENSORIAL – Star sorting with visual discrimination by color was added.

CULTURAL – Our cultural area is so exciting with the addition of driedel and menorah work.

We have had a wonderful week in the Little Room! Our activities have been changed to embrace the holiday season and the children are enthusiastic about using the new and beautiful materials. We are so happy to be performing for our parents in the Holiday Program and have started practicing our songs – we know you will be so proud!

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri

The holidays are quickly approaching and the children are getting excited! This week we focused on Hanukkah. We read many books about this festival of lights. The children are eagerly awaiting the lighting of our menorah.

LANGUAGE- We are practicing our pencil control and tracing and forming letters on our own. Our new activity was letters in the sand to help us with forming letters. The pentagon inset was added to the shelf and the children have been using these materials often. The "h" objects and coloring paper was also added to the shelf to reinforce this letter sound.

MATH – Our new activities were number pigs and number cubes. Both activities reinforce number recognition, quantities and counting skills.

CULTURAL – Our new activity was the world map jigsaw puzzle. This is shown to teach the names of the continents, and give a sensorial impression of each continent.

PRACTICAL LIFE – Menorah candle placement and dreidel spinning was shown. Both of these activities improve eye hand coordination.

SENSORIAL- our new activities were the baric and thermic tablets. The baric tablets are used to discriminate between slight variations in weight. The thermic tablets discriminate between temperatures.

ART- We made marshmallow menorahs, the children couldn't wait to bring them home and show them off!

SOUND OF THE WEEK – For the week of: Dec. 7 "u" as in up

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

PRACTICAL LIFE – We are preparing for the upcoming holidays by opening, closing and stacking boxes of all kinds. We are placing candles in the menorah and spinning our dreidels to improve our eye hand coordination. Practicing our pouring will prepare us to entertain our holiday company. The lint brush helps keep our clothes looking nice.

LANGUAGE – We continue to sequence with our new cookie baking and winter snow cards. Our wooden nouns for December all have the “short e” sound and the new sorting activity that will enhance whole word recognition contains gingerbread men, santas, and bows.

MATH – We continue to enforce our counting skills and recognition of numbers and their quantities with new activities. Golden apple counting, holiday bell counting, Hanukkah Menorah Counting, Christmas tree stamping and Christmas tree dot – to dot, are all in the math area. We also read the book “Hanukkah A Counting Book.”

SENSORIAL –The pattern cubes were introduced to work with our perceptual as well as matching skills. The thermic tablets enabled us to feel different temperatures. The blindfolded baric tablets used our sense of touch through weight. The broad stair and pink tower extension cards showed us challenging variations for the original activities. Combination extensions were also demonstrated. The mystery bag enabled us to identify objects with our sense of touch. Hanukkah critters used our matching skills. Spice smelling increased our ability to smell differences. This week for tasting we compared raisins to craisons. The consensus is they’re both sweet.

SOCIAL STUDIES – We have begun our discussions of the December holidays celebrations with Hanukkah, the story of King Antiochus and the Maccabees. We also read stories that are helping us learn about the traditions of this holiday. We now know the significance of using oil to make potato latkes and donuts for Hanukkah. We also learned why this holiday is celebrated for eight days and what the Menorah and candles represent. Dreidels have been added to our classroom shelves. We are learning how to play this Traditional Hanukkah game. While it is fun to play, we are also improving our math skills!

CULTURAL – We traveled to Greece and learned that it is near the ocean. We looked at encyclopedias that were first invented in Greece. We added the Greek box to the cultural shelf. It contains an alphabet book, encyclopedias, Olympic books and magazines and the Greek Flag (blue and white). We have added a new post card to our box with the help of Ava who has just recently traveled to Greece. A special thank you to her!

SCIENCE – Why doesn’t water and oil mix? We discovered that different liquids have different densities. Using water, oil and syrup we were actually able to see that liquids have weight and could answer why water and oil don’t mix.

ART – Sparkles and sequins covered our evergreen trees making them festive!

SOUND OF THE WEEK - For the week of: December 7th “u” umbrella
 December 14th “b” boy

French for the following week – I want to wish everyone Season Greetings and best wishes for the New Year. Je veus tout le monde souhaiter les salutations de la saison et les meilleurs souhaits pour le nouvel an. We will be practicing our vocabulary from past lessons and playing games. Nous pratiqueron notre vocabulaire aujourd’hui des lecons passees et de jouer les jeux.

CALENDAR REMINDER

December 18th

Friday

**Holiday Show
Show begins at 10:30
(Children arrive at 10:00)**

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