

The Friday Flyer
The Children's Academy

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Dec. 12th – Dec. 16th 2011

**THE ACADEMY WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR
FAMILIES A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO A TERRIFIC NEW YEAR!**

CAR MAGNETS- The Academy is wishing all our families a happy holiday with new school car magnets. You should have received them this week. We hope you enjoy them and will have them prominently displayed on your car. If you would like additional magnets they are available at no cost. Please contact the office.

HOLIDAY SHOW- No before or after care on December 16, 2011. All children arrive at 10:00. Holiday show begins at 10:30. There will be no early morning care or after-care on this day. Please plan accordingly.

2012-2013 APPLICATIONS - In order to secure your child's placement for next year, as well as insure that the Enrollment Fee is waived, applications must be received by January 1, 2012. Please drop applications off in the MAIL BOX during our Holiday break.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS – New applications for our programs have been sent home. Classes will start immediately upon return from our Holiday break.

SNACK – Thank you to the following children that brought snack in to share with their friends; Marco

LITTLE ROOM – Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Kovacs – We have been so busy practicing for the “Big Show”! We were so happy to make the long anticipated trip upstairs to practice on the actual stage. The children are so excited to perform for all their friends and family.

PRACTICAL LIFE- We have been talking about the true spirit of the holidays – giving. For many of our Little Room children this is their first chance to be giving, rather than receiving, gifts. We hope you enjoy the treasures they have made for you.

SENSORIAL – A seek and find bag develops our sense of touch with glossy round ornaments hidden in a bag of cotton. Christmas sorting includes reindeer, Christmas trees, presents and Santa Claus shapes to be sorted by color or object.

CULTURAL - We have discussed the cultural celebration of Kwanzaa and the children are thrilled to set up their own Kwanzaa feast with the feast basket and Kwinara and Unity Cup. The Kwanzaa mats we made this week show the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Errante

LANGUAGE- Christmas pairing and Hanukkah pairing were added to our shelf. These are festive ways to reinforce pairing skills.

PRACTICAL LIFE- We have been reviewing manners this week. Practicing saying please and thank you lets our friends know we care about them. Waiting our turn to talk and listening carefully when our friends speak lets them know that we respect what they have to say.

SENSORIAL- Our new activities were drum stacking and Christmas clip sorting. The drum activity is a sizing activity from large to small. Clip sorting reinforces sorting skills.

ART- The children enjoyed making beautiful holiday cards for their parents!

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

PRACTICAL LIFE-The hex bolt screwdriver and small nuts and bolts activities strengthen our fine motor skills, particularly our pincer grip. We also reviewed our dressing frames. Mastering these frames will allow us to be more independent.

SENSORIAL-Three new songs were introduced for our keyboard. Now we can no-ordinate notes and colors to make music. We reinforced our sensorial skills with presented shelf-work. The holiday activities were among our very favorites. We had a variety of tasting samples to finish up the week, all different, all tasty!

MATH-We have been busy reviewing all of our favorite holiday counting activities this week. We also read "Ten on the Sled" by: K. Norman and "Five Little Penguins Slipping on the Ice" by: S. Metzger.

LANGUAGE- In the language area we have been reading our favorite holiday books. We are all very excited to celebrate the Holidays!

SOCIAL STUDIES –This week we discussed the African American holiday Kwanzaa. We learned about the African history and customs. We now know that the word "Kwanzaa" came from the Swahili language and means first fruits of the harvest.

ART-With some glue and construction paper we have created our own Kinara in celebration of Kwanzaa.

VOCABULARY- Swahili, Kinara, customs, traditions

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CALENDAR REMINDERS

January 2nd

Monday

Classes Resume

January 16th

Monday

School Closed

(Martin Luther King Day)

The Academy A Great Place To Be!!