

The Friday Flyer
The Children's Academy

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Dec. 5th – Dec. 8th 2011

THE CHILDRENS ACADEMY CORDIALLY INVITES
FAMILY
AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND
THE HOLIDAY SHOW
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2011
10:30 A.M.

*****CHILDREN ARRIVE AT 10:00 A.M.*****

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 office before our Holiday break.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND BAKE SALE – Our annual Scholarship Fund bake sale will be held on Friday, December 16th. Home-baked goods sell quickly, so why don't you throw a batch of cookies or brownies in the oven?! OR, if you are not a baker, store-bought items are very welcome! You can drop off all items at The Academy on Wednesday, December 14th and Thursday, December 15th. We would love everyone to participate! The Scholarship Fund depends on you!!

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS - The children will be bringing home five tickets on Friday. The cost is \$5 each. We hope that they can be sold to family and

friends. Please return the top portion of the ticket with a name and phone number in the envelope provided. It is imperative that the name and phone number is on each ticket! Tickets must be received by Friday morning at 10:00.

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

TOY DRIVE- In the spirit of the holiday season, the Springfield Fire Department will be collecting toys for children in need. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach your children the gift of giving. If you wish to participate in this worthwhile cause, toys should be newly purchased and delivered to The Academy **unwrapped**. December 14th will be the last drop-off day.

PAJAMA DAY - Thanks to our very generous families, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society received donations in the amount of \$520.25. We are very happy to be able to help little Jessica. Pajama Day was very successful! Thanks again to our families. We collected 53 pairs of new pajamas for needy children. This was a wonderful learning experience for everyone, while the children were able to show off their very favorite PJ's.

SNACK – Thank you to the following children that brought snack in to share with their friends; Marco, Noah, Oliver and Madeleine.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- Happy Birthday wishes to; Madeleine and Noah.

LITTLE ROOM – Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Kovacs

This is an exciting time in the Little Room as we prepare for the “Big Show”. We are so excited to sing to you from the stage.

PRACTICAL LIFE- A new whisking activity was presented. The whisking material includes soap which produces a tangible and rewarding result for our challenging whisking work. New jar opening celebrates this season with decorative snowman toppers.

SENSORIAL – Gift box nesting and stacking provides sequencing practice. Present sorting offers color identification, visual discrimination and counting one through four.

LANGUAGE – Our book shelves are full of books celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. A flannel board activity of holiday treasures supports

vocabulary; reindeer, candy cane, wreath, sleigh bells, stockings, gift and presents.

CULTURAL - Our classroom is decorated with star garland, menorahs, reindeer and our latest addition, the "Rocking Santa". Watching our Little Room students dance to this unique interpretation of Jingle Bell Rock is absolutely priceless. Sharing these moments with your children is a special blessing of this holiday season.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Errante

LANGUAGE- Our new activity was wood Christmas matching. This activity reinforces matching skills. The quadrefoil inset was shown. This refines pencil control and left to right progression. "u" objects, "u" coloring and "u" gluing were added to the shelf to reinforce the "u" sound.

SENSORIAL- We are working on sorting skills this week. We are sorting by color, shape and size. The following activities were shown to reinforce this skill; snowflake pairing, box nesting, Christmas pom-pom sorting, and Christmas button sorting.

PRACTICAL LIFE- Many holiday activities were shown this week. The pin tree, sled tweezing bell pouring tree trimming was shown. All of these activities refine small motor skills and build concentration.

Math- our new activities were Christmas eraser counting, holly berry counting and present counting. These activities reinforce number recognition, counting and quantities.

ART- The children painted holly berries on our wreathes to help decorate our houses for the holidays.

SOUND OF THE WEEK- for the week of December 12th "b" as it baby

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

PRACTICAL LIFE- Holiday tins, nesting bowls and clothes pinning are activities to enhance our fine motor skills. Ornament placement on our Christmas tree and tabletop decorations encourage our pincer grip while helping us prepare for the holidays. Hat placement fosters care of self. As we learn about the holidays, we discussed Christmas traditions and foods. We enjoyed delicious Christmas cookies and eggnog.

SENSORIAL-The green shaker eggs allowed us to use our sense of hearing by comparing sounds. The keyboard was also introduced to create an awareness of sound and harmony. Hanukkah cookie cutters helped to reinforce

our matching skills. Salad dressings were our tasting choice this week. Italian and honey mustard, both very tasty, but Italian was preferred!

MATH-New activities added to our shelves this week were; holiday tree graphing, gingerbread man color by number, Christmas tree dot-to-dot, dinosaur counting and the teen number picture puzzle. We also read the book "The Twelve Cats of Christmas" by: K. Whitlark.

LANGUAGE- The new alphabet book "Christmas Alphabet" was read this week. This book encourages children to handle books with care. It has fragile flip pages and is a favorite to all! The tress sizing bucket is now in use. This activity encourages recognition of whole words as well as our Christmas sorting basket.

CULTURAL – Our discussions of the many states within The United States continued. We compared postcards to places within The United States.

SOCIAL STUDIES –There is so much to learn about the Christmas holiday. We discussed the birth of Jesus, the wise men, and the gifts they brought to the stable. We learned that the Christmas tree is a symbol of life (*evergreen*), originally decorated with edibles for the forest animals. We continued the tradition of decorating which brings happiness to all. Santa was the bearer of gifts for the children and this tradition continues today.

SCIENCE- Ice floats! We saw an actual demonstration and learned that 9/10's of ice stays under the water line, therefore making icebergs extremely dangerous for boats. An interesting discussion followed our observations and a worksheet reinforced the experiment throughout the week.

ART-Using our imagination we decorated evergreens for the holiday season. Placing stenciled trees turned into festive decorations.

VOCABULARY- Manger, stable, wise men, gold, frankincense, mirth, edible, iceberg

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FRENCH UPDATE- This week we began learning words to talk about our families. The Family (le famille-lafemee), the aunt (la tante- la tant), the uncle (l'oncle-loncle), the father (le pere-ler pear), the mother (la mere-la mare), the brother (the frère-lur frar), grandparents (les grand-mere-lay gran-mare), the grand father (le grand-pere-lur-grand-pear), the cousin (le cousin-leur cousin), la cousine(le couseen).

CALENDAR REMINDERS

December 16th
January 2nd

Friday
Monday

Holiday Show
Classes Resume

The Academy A Great Place To Be!!