



Dear Preschool Families:

**Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays** to you all. The color of the month is **RED!** What mild weather we have had... Remember the reason for the season. Christmas is a time for families. Your preschoolers are so wonderful. When is the last time you just captured a memory with your child? Start now. Make some memories. Take time to make cookies together, play a board game, sing in the car, go for a nature walk, get down on the floor and roll around with your kids, and take some photos!

**Attendance--** We have 44 children currently attending preschool. Thank you for letting us know when your child is sick/absent. If we haven't heard from you after two days, we start calling. We have had several illnesses on campus this past month. Thank you for keeping sick kids home, and for letting us know if your kiddos are sick.

**Citizens of the Month-November:** Blue Team – Montana Grigat & Yellow Team- Abel Billings! Congratulations! They will each receive a HORNS T-shirt and a certificate!

**Cold Weather**—Please label your child's coat, hat and gloves/mittens. Send them to school daily, as we play outside a lot! The value of fresh air and sunshine is important to all of us. Driving rain, bitter cold, and/or strong winds are the few conditions that we skip outside time.

**Extra Clothes**--Please return any changes of clothes that came home from preschool. We expect some accidents, so we need to stay prepared!

**Culmination Day:** 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Culmination Day is **Thursday, Dec. 15**. Come & Go. You may choose to come in the morning or in the evening. **Preschool WILL NOT meet.**

**Scholastic Book Order**--As for the "Christmas List" don't forget the best gifts—**Books!** We will place our last book order on this Thursday so we hope they will be back in time for Christmas.

When you are shopping.. Something to think about... What about a year with no battery operated anything? Remember our bias—we are teachers, so we are compelled to challenge you to opt for books, balls, babies, blocks, but not batteries! TV and technology can wait!

**What we are learning:**

**Color of the month: Red**

This past week we added our red things, changed out the song baskets, made decorations, and started to think about Christmas! Next we will be getting ready for Culmination Day and making cookies, and making presents for the people we love—You! Be surprised!

**Red, & White Teams**—Christmas is a magical time for these children. We will do our best to keep them in a routine. We will be reading The Gingerbread Man, making gingerbread ornaments, and we have Santa's Workshop in the Art Cart. We will practice counting all month!

We just about have every child conditioned to wash their hands upon entrance, sunscreen, get a drink so he/she can think', and manage his/her own cubby. Thanks for your help with these ADLs (activities of daily living). Children want & need consistent ADLs—we all do!

Thank you for keeping cubbies cleaned out. Keep using the wipe boards to write down exceptions to pick up/drop off. You write the change, and we will do our best to check the board every day.

The **Blue & Yellow Team** will be doing lots of fun activities. We've added new songs to the song basket for December. We will be working on lots of nursery rhymes, we are always practicing self-help skills... Many pre-kindergartners are pumping a swing, some are tying their shoes, many are zipping their own coats, and some are writing letters in their names. They will master writing their name next year. Please encourage them to practice tying, zipping, buttoning, dressing, and putting on their coats!

**Parent Packets**--We try to keep parent packets available in the foyer. Please sign them in and out on the clipboard. Give yourself credit on the parent involvement book, too! We appreciate you....many hands make light work!

### **Date to Remember**

Dec 8 Scholastic Book Order Due - Yes, We have preschool Thursday  
Dec. 14 Last day of Preschool this Semester  
Dec. 15 Springfield Preschool Parent Council will meet at 11:00.  
Dec. 15 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Culmination Day 7:30-9:00 am OR 4:30 -6:00 pm

### **Many Thanks!**

- \*SVFD for recovering our playground from the tumbleweed invasion last Friday!
- \*All of you for sending your beautiful children clean, fed & on time!
- \*The Lunch Ladies for preparing healthy, nutritious snacks every day!
- \*Mr. Ray and the maintenance department for taking good care of our building!
- \*Ms. Emily for cleaning our preschool and helping us to stay healthy!
- \*Our school family for working as a team, for the children and families we serve!



*We appreciate each one of you!  
See Why We love this place!!*

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Kristen, Ms. Brittney & Ms. Froyla

