

## December News

Dear Lighthouse Families,

November was a busy and fun month. The children learned about Thanksgiving, Native Americans, Forest Animals and much more. Thank you to all that came out to our Annual Fall Festival and a special thank you to Ms. Mariel for planning the event! We celebrated Thanksgiving with a delicious feast and the children learned the character value—Gratitude. If you missed you child's parent teacher conference please speak with any of the management team so we can reschedule.

December is FULL of exciting activities, from our Toys for Tots toy drive, Movie Night with Santa, and our Holiday Parties. In addition, we will be hosting Elsa's Holiday Workshop/Parent's Day Out so the families can do some last minute shopping while the children have holiday fun with us and do various activities with Elsa!

Our C.A.R.E.S. curriculum has been going strong and with the technology and engineering enrichments, the children are learning more each day.

Join us for all the fun this month and remember, Movie Night with Santa is the 6th. Free pictures will be take from 7-8:30 pm. While you wait for a picture The Grinch will be played in the parking lot. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be available for all.

*Andrea Fontus* / School Director

### Upcoming Events this Month

Toy Drive for Toy For Tots	2nd-13th
Movies with Santa	6th
Elsa's Holiday Workshop/Parent Shopping Day (9am-2pm)	14th
Pajama Day & Gingerbread Men Decorating	20st
December 24th—School Closes at 3:00 p.m.	24th
December 25th—School Closed	25th
December 31st—School Closes at 3:00 p.m.	31st
January 1st—School Closed	January 1st

### Refer-A-Friend Program

Earn a **free week of tuition** when you spread the word about your child's school! See the office for details!

# December Curriculum News

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## Infants—Rooms 1, 2 & 3

This month we will be learning about **Sounds**.

We will focus on the shape **star** and the colors **red & green**.

We will be singing “**Open, Shut Them**” and “**Old McDonald Had a Farm**”

The Sign Language focus word for this month is: **Star**



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## Toddlers—Room 4



This month we will be learning about **My Neighborhood**.

We will focus on the shape **triangle** and the colors **red & green**.

We will be singing “**Big Steps/Little Steps**” and “**The Muffin Man**”

The Sign Language focus word for this month is: **Play**

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## Twos' through Five's Curriculum Overview—Rooms 5 through 9

Character Value: **Patience**

*Being able to wait and take turns. Ability to suppress annoyance when confronted with delay.*

Curriculum Theme: **My Five Senses**

Science & Nature Focus: **Reindeer; Gingerbread**

Math & Manipulatives Concepts: **Matching and Weaving**



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## School-Age—Room 10

During the month of December, we will be teaching children about

**Winter.**

We will learn about how why the seasons change as well as the **winter** holidays celebrated around the world.

In addition, we will have fun making gingerbread men!

For our Character Value, **Patience**, the students will be learning about taking turns and cooperating with others. They will also help to organize our **Toys for Tots** drive.

*Ms. Mariel/School-Age Teacher*

# *December School News*

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## **Toys for Tots—Toy Drive**

Help us to make a needy child's Christmas wish come true.  
Donate a new, unwrapped gift to **Toys for Tots**.



We will be accepting donations from  
December 2nd thru December 13th.

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## **Holiday Movie with Santa!**

**Friday, December 6th**, we will be watching The Grinch and drinking hot (warm) chocolate. Movie will be played on the big screen in the parking lot at 6:30pm. Pictures with Santa will be taken inside room 10 starting at 7:00pm. See you there!



## **Gingerbread Men Decorating Holiday Parties**



**December 20th**, the children in Rooms 5-10 will be decorating their own gingerbread men. We are asking for icing, sprinkles, and candy donations to help make this activity a fun filled success. Sign-up sheets are posted on the classroom doors. Thank you!

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## **Elsa's Holiday Workshop/Parent's Day Out!**

Bring your children to us on **Saturday, December 14th**, from **9am-2pm** so you can do some holiday shopping while the children have fun with Elsa and make ornaments, decorate cookies, and watch holiday favorites. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for the children. Sign-up at the front desk, the cost is only \$30 per child/ \$50 per family.



## *December Events to Remember...*

### *Happy Birthday Students!*

Lawrence C.	Dec. 1
Ryan W.	Dec. 4
Abel E.	Dec. 6
Issac R.	Dec. 6
Jai B.	Dec. 7
Bella H.	Dec. 8
Liam H.	Dec. 9
Andrew G.	Dec. 13
Cora D.	Dec. 14
Audrey H.	Dec. 14
Kinley B.	Dec. 18
Cadence R.	Dec. 18
Scarlett M.	Dec. 19
Zinzhou Z.	Dec. 20
Revan B.	Dec. 20
Caroline W.	Dec. 21
Cohen G.	Dec. 21
Nathan R.	Dec. 22
Kaden P.	Dec. 23
Karis B.	Dec. 23
Gabrielle B.	Dec. 27
Elijah D.	Dec. 27
Dallas C.	Dec. 28

### *Happy Birthday Teachers!*

Claudia C.	Dec. 21
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### *Winter is Ming*

Some people don't like winter  
Some people think its too cold  
I think they just like to complain  
Or maybe they're just too old

I like bundling up  
In coats with boots on my feet  
I like to see my breath fog up  
In the rain, or snow, or sleet

I like to break off icicles  
And break them for a drink  
In the winter the world goes quiet  
I like to listen and think

Some people don't like winter  
I say they just don't get it  
You might want sunshine all day  
But I say you can forget it