



December News Letter



2017

Room One

Ms. Kaleen, Ms. Ashleigh and Ms. Amanda

DECEMBER CURRICULUM

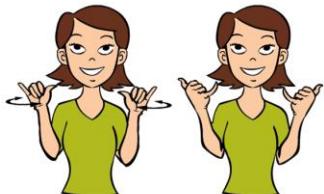
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Shape: Star

Color: Red and Green

Baby Sign:

Play



Song

Old MacDonald had a farm,
E-I-E-I-O.

And on his farm he had some cows,
E-I-E-I-O.

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there, here a moo, there a moo,
everywhere a moo-moo.
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E-I-E-I-O.

Rhyme

Open, shut them, open, shut them, give a
little clap.

Open, shut them, open, shut them, put
them in your lap.

Infant News

In November the babies celebrated Thanksgiving! To celebrate we created turkeys and corn using our footprints. We read a lot of "story book classics". Our little friends painted their own "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" characters and they absolutely loved rolling around in our teacher made bear cave! While going outside we sang "Bumping Up and Down In My Little Red Wagon. Room one teachers are so grateful for both our babies and parents. We are so happy to take care of your little ones and watch them grow!



Room Two

Ms. Darlene and Ms. Janett

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Infant News

In November, room two learned about the shape; rectangle as well as the color brown. We made a accordion book about the "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". Our favorite activity was playing with bear and caterpillar puppets. We had fun searching in our "Brown Bear" search and find bottle. While going outside, we sang "Bumping Up and Down In My Little Red Wagon" and our rhyme "Little Miss Muffet".



Room Three

Ms. Hannah and Ms. Yvette

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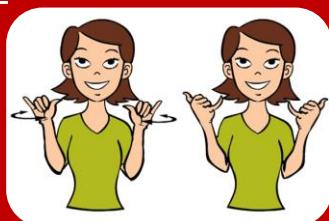
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Infant News

This month in room 3 we had a "BEAR-Y" good time! The class enjoyed reading "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?" and even created their own books, sensory bottles and our very own bear cave! We had a blast playing peek-a-boo in and out of our cave. The class created footprint animals with paint. Our circle time has become very interactive as we practiced making our animal sounds. November was a fun month!



Room Four

Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Brianna and Ms. Vanessa

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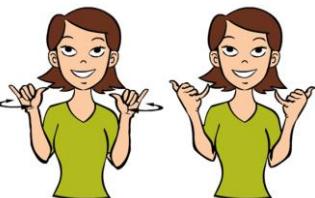
Theme: My Neighborhood

Shape: Triangle

Color: Red and Green

Baby Sign:

Play



Song

Oh, do you know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man? Oh, do you know the muffin man, who lives in Drury Lane? Oh, yes we know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man. Oh, yes we know the muffin man, who lives on Drury Lane.

Rhyme

Big steps, big steps, big steps. Little steps, little steps, little steps. Big steps little steps. BIG STEPS!

Toddler News

We had a blast in November! We can make farm animal sounds and move our bodies in many ways. We really loved hearing stories, especially "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" & "Lama, Lama Home with Mama". We can count all the way to three as a group. The little ones learned that farm animals like horses, cows and pigs can live in a barn. Room four experimented with oatmeal and discovered that oatmeal feels different when wet than it does when dry!



The annual Christmas Program
will be held on
Friday, December 8, 2017
from
7:00pm-8:00pm
at
Los Reyes Elem.



* See your child's teacher for costume information

Room Five

Ms. Michelle, Ms. Ana and Ms. Kiara

TWOS News

Finally Fall weather has arrived! In November we learned a lot about leaves, fall colors and Thanksgiving. The children really enjoyed painting their own leaves to add to our class tree. We also learned about forest animals and where they live. We learned that foxes, bears and owls all live in the forest. For show and tell the students brought forest in forest animals to show their friends. The kiddos were also able to make their very own pies for Thanksgiving. They enjoyed adding the pumpkin & berries to the pie crust. Room five wishes you a wonderful Thanksgiving and eat lots of turkey!

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MY FIVE SENSES

Science Focus
Animals of Mexico, Reindeer,
Gingerbread

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Dd, Hh, and Ee

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Lighthouse Connections

December Twos

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 27-Dec. 1	WEEK #13 My Five Senses Book "I See with My Eyes"	"I Hear with My Ears"	"I Touch with My Skin"	"I Taste with My Tongue"	"Smell & Tell" Bring Something that Has a SMELL
Dec. 4-8	WEEK #14 Learning about "Textures" Week →	Textured Creative Boards	Sandpaper Gingerbread Man	Book Study: <u>The Gingerbread Baby</u>	"Touch & Tell" Bring Something that Has a TEXTURE
Dec. 11-15	WEEK #15 Evergreen Exploration	Sing "Make a Shape in the Air"	Paint and Press Trees	"Cupcake" Tree Creations	"Listen & Tell" Bring Something that Makes a SOUND
Dec. 18-22	WEEKS #16-17 Santa Sees... Peppermint Paint	Santa Smells... Peppermint Measurement	Santa Tastes... Where Is the Candy Cane?	Santa Feels... Colorful Canes	
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Room Six

Ms. Maria, Ms. Brianna and Ms. Emily

Threes News

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us! Together we had created fun memories that will stay with us forever. The month of November started by learning new songs like "Pow-Wow" the "Ten Little Indians" to celebrate the Native Americans and "The Five Little Turkeys" to celebrate Thanksgiving. The children made feather head bands and had the opportunity to see up close how corn is turned into delicious popcorn. We compared and learned about the different colors of the leaves and made collages using rubber stamps and paint with all the different colors of fall. Two of our favorite activities this month were playing with colored rice and the exploring the inside of a pumpkin. We hope to see you at our annual holiday performance because the children are working hard and we are having lots of fun preparing for it! Stay safe, enjoy your family and we want to wish you all a time full of memories, love and happiness during this holiday season.

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December Threes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 27-Dec. 1	WEEK #13 Sing a Song of Senses	Gingerbread Senses	<u>The Gingerbread Baby</u>	Gingerbread Cupcakes →	“Smell & Tell” Bring Something that Has a SMELL
Dec. 4-8	WEEK #14 Evergreen Life Cycle	Pine Cone Science Experiment	Christmas Colors	“Needle” Leaves	“Touch & Tell” Bring Something that Has a TEXTURE
Dec. 11-15	WEEK #15 Experiments with Sound	Jingle Bell Counting Game	<u>Don’t Push the Button!</u>	Christmas Shapes Book	“Listen & Tell” Bring Something that Makes a SOUND
Dec. 18-22	WEEK #16-17 Peppermint Math Winter Words Book	Measuring Mints <u>The Mitten</u>	<u>Shelia Rae’s Peppermint Stick</u> My Name	Oobleck! A Living Graph	
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Room Eight

Ms. Tasha, Ms. Adriana and Ms. Alyssa

Preschool News

We have had a lot of fun with the book "Brown Bear, Brown Bear Who Do You See?" The children read along with it. We're talking about the colors red, yellow, blue and how mixing them makes new colors. We conducted a science experiment with gummy bears and teddy grahams. The class made gourd shakers like Native Americans. The letters of the month were "Ff", "Ii", & "Gg". We've been scooping beans and acorns in science center to help with our fine motor skills. We talked about fall, leaves and forest animals as well!

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Room Nine

Ms. Liz, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Brianna

Preschool News

We "gobbled" our way through November and learned how the Native Americans built their homes and grew their food, that we eat today at Thanksgiving. We learned that the first Thanksgiving lasted 3 days! We conducted a gummy bear experiment where we left the gummy bears in water for three days and observed them grow bigger! Room nine made a mess while mixing primary color paints to make green, orange and purple. To feed our appetite we cut open a pumpkin and discovered its parts and seeds. The class also went on a leaf hunt and gathered different types of leaves to create a "leaf man" collage. Finally, to celebrate Thanksgiving we made a gratitude pumpkin to express what we are all thankful for as well as gave thanks to all of those who have served for our country in honor of Veteran's Day.

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December Preschool

Nov. 27-Dec. 1
Dec. 4-8
Dec. 11-15
Dec. 18-22

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week #13 My Christmas Countdown Chain	My 5 Senses Flip Book	Sing and Sign "I Use My Senses"	<u>Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?</u>	"Listen & Tell" Bring Something that Makes a SOUND
Week #14 Things I Can Feel	Using Descriptive Words	Sandpaper Finger-painting	Santa's Five Senses	"Smell & Tell" Bring Something that Has a SMELL
Week #15 Following Directions Christmas Tree (uppercase letters)	Longer or Shorter?	Snow Globe Shapes	ABC Order & Candy Cane Letters	"Touch & Tell" Bring Something that Has a TEXTURE
Weeks #16-17 21-Mapping Skills 28-Gingerbread Touch & Smell	Gingerbread Puzzle	What's Missing? Gingerbread Sounds	Shapely Santas Gingerbread Senses Snack	
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Room Ten- APK

Ms. Maria and Ms. Annika

APK News

In the month of November, our class has been doing an outstanding job! They are doing amazing on their reading and phonics. Our kiddos enjoy playing the spelling game and animal charades game too! In class we discussed the history of Thanksgiving, preparing for our Christmas program, working on independent reading along with our other subjects. The children are improving & growing up so much. Great job APK on all your hard work!

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November APK

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 27-Dec. 1	WEEK #13 Word Family: -ell Sight Word: was	Where Is Mexico? (Map Skills)	Writing in My Dictionary	Making a "Scratch and Sniff" Book	"Smell & Tell" Bring Something that Has a SMELL
Dec. 4-8	WEEK #14 Apple or Pear? Smell & Taste Work Together!	My Tongue Has 4 "Tastes"	Experiments with Sound	Listening Walk & Journaling	"Listen & Tell" Bring Something that Makes a SOUND
Dec. 11-15	WEEK #15 I Feel with My Skin	The Five Senses of Popcorn	Addition & Subtraction Sentences	Christmas Numbers Book	"Touch & Tell" Bring Something with a TEXTURE
Dec. 18-22	WEEKS #16-17 "Reindeer Hokey Pokey" G'Bread Baking	Holiday Shapes Book G'Bread Glyph	Roll a Sight Word Game	Listen and Learn Game	
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Room Ten Schoolers

Mr. Maria and Mr. Frank

Schooler News

In November the schoolers explored Ancient Rome and it's civilization. The Romans were great artists and even invented Mosaic Art! So we tried our hand at it and had a wonderful time creating their masterpieces. We had a great time in Ancient Rome, our time travel keeps getting better and better! November is a time to give thanks, we used our craft skills to make "thankful turkeys". We also got into the spirit of fall by making awesome sand art. Our character value is "expressing gratitude" the schoolers did an excellent job at expressing their gratitude through our activities in November.

December Curriculum

Theme: Ancient Egypt

Some of the concepts we'll be looking at include:

- Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods in life and after death.
- Some dead rulers of Egypt were buried in pyramids.
- The ancient Egyptians valued people of good character.
- Ancient Egypt was a complex, highly developed, agriculture based civilization.