



2009 Newsletter

This month we are busy busy busy! The Threes and Fours will be studying the letters B and R as well as getting ready to celebrate for the holidays. Our projects for include a Bat puppet, Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? class book, a Hanukah Calendar and we will be cooking up some home made Candy Cane Bark. Our Choice Time projects and activities include playing Bingo games, making and painting their very own Blackboards, Snowflakes, and Holiday decorations. During R week we will be making a Rabbit Puppet, a Reindeer Patterning Math Game, Winter Luminary, and colorful Rainbow Cake. Our Choice Time projects include Rainbow Fish, Holiday Bell Cards, Reindeer Spoon Dolls, Matching Mittens, and Marshmallow Snowman.

In celebration of the winter holidays we will be making a Felt Menorah, Santa Claus Ornament, and some beautiful holidays gifts for our Families to use during the holiday season. Some of our Choice Time projects that week will be baking soda ornaments, holiday coloring pages, winter collages, and learning how to make Latkes. To get ready for our Holiday show we are baking yummy sugar cookies to share with all of our families.

Our annual Holiday show will be on Friday, December 18th at 4:45 p.m. at the Westport Town Hall Community Theater. The Three Four Children, AM, PM, Fives and Kindergarteners will take the stage as one group and we will sing our hearts out!!! There will be NO SCHOOL Friday, December 18th. Instead we will have a rehearsal this day at the Westport Town Hall Community Theater from 10:00am -11:00am. Please drop your children off for this rehearsal and pick them up. All family and friends are welcome to attend our show at 4:45pm. There will be plenty of seats in this auditorium venue! (Please not the time change of the show from our Annual Calendar).

December can be a blustery month in many ways. It can surprise us with...**SNOW!!! In the event of inclement weather, the school will follow the same plan as the Westport Public Schools.** When the public schools are delayed 2 hours, we will be delayed 2 hours. The AM sessions will begin at 11:00am and dismiss at 1:00pm, this includes Threes, Fours, Fives, Kindergarten and Lunch Bunch. The PM session will begin at 1:30pm and will dismiss at 3:30pm. If the public schools are closed, we will be closed. By 7:30AM, a message will be placed on our voice mail informing the parents of any change in the school day schedule. You may also call the town's emergency phone # 341-1766. The message is usually posted @ 6:00am. You can also log onto www.ctweather.com and look up IAN cancellations.

This time of year provides for a wonderful opportunity for our children who are working on the self-help skills of putting on jackets, mittens, and hats. We do go out for recess each day, so please be sure your little ones are dressed appropriately. Please label all winter clothing. We also ask that the children take off their shoes upon entering school because a large part of our day is spent playing on the floor.

For those of you returning next year or for siblings your contract and deposits will be sent home in the next few weeks. They are due back by January 15th. If you have any questions about any of our programs please contact Cyndi, Jenn or Leslie.

When thinking about this Holiday Season so many wonderful traditions come to mind. We all have our own unique ways of celebrating messages of peace, sharing, giving and diversity. Throughout this month we will be focusing on these concepts and talking with the children about how we can practice these and celebrate them. We love learning about all of the wonderful traditions that are practiced throughout this country and the world! We would like to welcome parents and friends to come in and talk to the children about the different celebrations and traditions that take place during these winter months. If you would like to volunteer for this please talk to your classroom teacher ASAP to set up a time for this special learning experience.

This December we will be participating in a **Giving Tree** to help those less fortunate. Details are attached to this Newsletter.

Thank you to all of our families for participating in our Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser!

From all of us at 3, 4 Open the Door; we wish you all a happy, healthy and joyous holiday season!

Happy Holidays!

See you again on the 4th of January!!!

Cyndi, Gina, Jenn, Lori, Linda, Leslie, Nikki, Margaret, and Marilyn.