



# Happy New year in January 2010!

Thank you to all of our families who participated in our Giving Tree this year. The Domestic Violence Center and the MALTA house were so appreciative of all the wonderful donations that will help to make the lives of those less fortunate a little brighter this year. We hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday and we wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Moving on to January. We are going to be busy busy! We are going to begin our study of the Spanish language. We will be using Beth Manner's Beginning Spanish Program during Morning Meeting three times a week. The children will be learning the Spanish language using puppets, props and through fun songs!

Our letters this month will be D, M, C and L.

Our field trip this month will be to the downtown Cabaret Theater to see Hansel and Gretel on Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at the Tiburon Restaurant parking lot at 8:45 a.m. We will return to the lot at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per child and per parent or guardian.

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday, January 18th in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Now that the Winter weather has arrived - just a reminder to send your children in each day with mittens, hats and boots. Please send in snow pants when necessary. Also, in order to keep everyone's clothes separate we are asking that you clearly label each item before sending them into school. We try to go out for recess every day as long as the temperature is above 20°.

In the case of inclement weather we follow the Westport Public School system. If we have a two hour delay the Fives and Kindergarten will start at 11:00am and dismiss at 1:00pm. If Westport schools are closed we will also be closed. A message will be posted on our voicemail 454-1924 informing you of any delays or closures. You can also call the Westport Snow Line at 341-1766 or log onto [www.ctweather.com](http://www.ctweather.com) and look under IAN cancellations.

Should your child awake with a fever of any kind, they must remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines. If your child develops a fever at school, parents will be called immediately to pick them up. If your child has vomited they must remain at home until vomiting has stopped for at least 24 hours. Should your child have a runny nose, is sneezing or coughing, has a sore throat, body aches, headaches or is fatigued please do not send them to school. If any of these symptoms develop at school parents will be called to pick their child up. Children will not be permitted to return to school until symptoms disappear or a note from student's pediatrician states that they are not contagious. Should your child have conjunctivitis (pink eye) they must remain at home until they have received medication for 24 hours.

In regards to the flu or H1N1 students must remain at home even if they are using anti-viral drugs. Students who have an ill household member should remain at home for at least 5 days from the day the first household member became sick.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy 2010!

Cyndi, Jenn, Linda and Jen L.