

Harleysville Learning Center Newsletter

December 2016

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Upcoming Events

- * Every Friday- Pizza Day
- *Wednesday, December 7---Scarf Day
- *Friday, December 16 @3:00 PM—Santa Visits!
- * Monday, December 19—Pajama Day and Polar Express Day
- * Tuesday, December 20---Cookie Bake Day 1
- *Wednesday, December 21---Cookie Bake Day 2
- * Thursday, December 22---Cookie Exchange and Wear Red and Green Day
- *Friday, December 23—HLC Closed, SASD Closed
- * Saturday, December 24—Hanukkah begins; Christmas Eve
- *Sunday, December 25-- -Christmas
- *Monday, December 26—HLC Closed, SASD Closed; Kwanzaa begins
- *December 27- December 30—SASD Closed

From the Director

It's time for Ho Ho Ho and mistletoe! December came up so quickly! It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving has already passed and we're on to the most wonderful time of the year!

With the weather changing so rapidly, I want to remind all parents that we post our school closings on 6ABC and on NBC10. You can always check their channel as well as their website so school closings, early dismissals, and even delays. While we certainly watch to see whether or not Souderton Area School District is intending to close for inclement weather, we do not always close when they do so be sure to double check 6ABC or NBC10 for alerts for the Harleysville Learning Center.

Santa is going to be coming to visit us on Friday, December 16th at 3:00 PM. Children will have an opportunity to hear a story as well as to sit on Santa's lap, tell him their holiday wishes, and get their picture taken. It's going to be fun for all ages and we hope you will have the opportunity to join us!

The Holiday Cookie Bake will take place on 12/20 and 12/21. Sign up sheets will be placed in all classrooms for parents to sign up to provide mixes. Each class will be responsible for a specific cookie type that we will then exchange on 12/22. Please make sure all mixes are peanut and tree nut free. Betty Crocker mixes tend to be a great choice but if you're having difficulty, please don't hesitate to see me as I have a list of acceptable peanut/tree nut free items in my office.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions, concerns, comments. I am always available via email at hlcdirector@verizon.net.

Miss Jessica

Upcoming Teacher Birthdays:

No Teacher Birthdays this Month!

Learning is Everywhere!

Traveling in a car and/or bus is a great place to learn about safety, your neighborhood, and even expand vocabulary. Young infants often find the movements of travel soothing, while older infants often do not like to be confined, but may love to listen to songs and intake noises. Toddlers and preschoolers enjoy singing songs in the car. Preschoolers enjoy learning about their neighborhood, while kindergarteners and older children can build upon their knowledge of safety.

Reminders & Other Important Information:

Souderton Area School District will be closed from December 23-December 30th.

HLC will be closed on 12/23 and 12/26.

Infants

Time has gone so fast! Already in December and Winter is officially here! In November we had such an amazing month! We did a lot of different activities. We played music with different instruments and we danced all together.

For Thanksgiving we enjoyed our Feast, we ate turkey and a lot of food. At the end of the month we started decorating the class for Christmas. Our babies were so happy and curious looking at the snowmen and trees around our classroom!

In the next few days you should see a bulletin board go up with all the pictures of our new activities being done as part of our growing up wild kit!

We are so excited to all be together.

Happy Holidays,

Miss Ana

Toddlers

Hello!

It has been my absolute pleasure to be the Lead Teacher in the Toddler Room for the past month. I will continue to do my best to bring your children the best care that I can. I cannot believe it is December already. What a wonderful time of year! This month our class will be learning about Polar animals, winter weather, holidays around the world, Christmas, and New Years. We will continue to review our shapes, colors, and songs every day. Please always remember to check your cubbies and daily sheets for important reminders and informations. Thanks for the opportunity to help and your children learn and grow!

--Miss Sam

P.s.—Santa will be coming to visit on December 16th. We would love for you to join us!

Two's

Hi everyone! We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving with their family and friends! The Turkey Feast was great! All children seemed to enjoy the turkey, corn, and potatoes!

We hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays and welcome to December. As we continue into Fall, we will continue to go outdoors, weather permitting. Please check your child's cubby and update their extra clothes. We would also like to wish Ryann a Happy Birthday as she gets ready to soon move to the next age group. Happy Birthday, Ryann!

The monthly themes are: Winter weather, Holidays around the world, Christmas, and New Years. Our shape of the month is a "Rectangle" and our color of the month is "green". Our letters for the month are J, K, and L. We've also been continuing to enjoy yoga every Friday!

Reminder that HLC will be closed on 12/23 and 12/26 for the Holidays. Santa will be coming to visit on 12/16; time to follow.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

Miss Manjula
Miss Sandy

PreK1 & PreK2

Hi everyone! Winter is right around the corner! This month's themes are winter weather, holidays around the world, Christmas, and New Year's. Our letters for the month are J, K, and L. We will be doing the Holiday Cookie Baking on 12/20 and 12/21.

Our holiday cookie exchange will be held on 12/22. Each class will be making a different kind of cookie. A sign up sheet to bring in the ingredients will be located under the parent information center in our classroom. Each class will then exchange their cookies with other classes!

Please make sure your child has a set of warm spare clothes in case of any accidents! As always, feel free to come to me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks!
Miss Corine

Before & After School

It's beginning to look a lot like December! This month the before and after school classroom will be incorporating the following themes: Winter Weather, Holidays Around the World, Christmas, and New Year's. The kindergarteners will be participating in academic activities with the letters J, K, and L. Some other activities this month will include generating advent calendars, building igloos, assembling menorahs, creating cinnamon ornaments, and writing New Year's resolutions. Our love of cooking will continue into December with our annual Cookie Exchange. We will be baking our cookies on December 20th and 21st and exchanging cookies around the school on December 22nd. This is the time of year that lots of baking and cooking occurs. Baking incorporates a variety of different measuring tools. This would be a great time to point out the names and uses for all of the measuring tools around your home. Santa will be making his annual appearance this month, so be on the lookout for his letter. Santa loves reading us a story, letting us talk to him, and taking pictures!

Here are a few reminders/notes:

- It's getting cold outside. Please remember to send appropriate outerwear and label all of your child's belongings. Also, be sure to check your child's spare clothing to make sure it corresponds with the weather.
- Scarf Day will be on Wednesday, December 7th.
- Polar Express/Pajama Day will be on Monday, December 19th.
- HLC will be closed on 12/23/16 and 12/26/16 for the holiday.
- SASD will be closed from 12/23/16-1/2/17.
- If your child will be absent for any reason, please let Miss Kristen or Miss Jessica know! We worry about your children when they're not there or don't get off the bus!

As always, our classroom provides the perfect opportunity for your child to practice their academic skills. If you find that your child could use some extra practice with any academic skills, then please let Miss Kristen know. We are looking forward to another great month of learning and growing together! Happy Holidays!

~Miss Kristen, Miss Deanna, and Miss Miranda