

# Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy

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## Rabbit



We cannot believe that time is flying by so fast and the holidays are fast approaching. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. This month we will be busy with art projects and fun learning activities. Just as a reminder, we will be having cookies with Santa on Thursday, December 13 from 2:30 to 5:00pm—we hope to see you all there. In addition, we will be closed December 21 through January 2 for the Christmas break. Enjoy the holidays!

—Darla and Sherry

## Crab



This month we will continue to work on gross motor skills development as many of our babies are beginning to roll over, sit up, and even scoot around the classroom! We are still learning how to move about and grasp our toys which is why we have some fun new toys in the classroom to explore this month. We plan to do some fun holiday themed activities and crafts—please let us know if you have any requests or suggestions! We will be reading stories and singing songs about Christmas and wintertime.

—Lakrista, Caliee, and Christina

## Frog



Welcome to December! All the children are enjoying their routines and the classroom environment. December will be filled with the wonder of surprises, snowflakes, and cheer. As the children are learning to express themselves, we are working with words. Christmas break will be December 20 through January 1. We will be having a Cookies & Pictures event with Santa on December 13. Please bring proper dress to keep your child warm and dry for outside exploration.

—Melissa, Francine, and Marcella

## Jellyfish



Hello families! We just can't believe it is winter time already! We're hoping to start seeing some snow soon! It's getting very cold outside so please bring winter coats, hats, gloves, shoes or boots for your child. We do still go outside if we're able to. Thank you!

—Alix, Jen, and Mary  
and Jasmin

Sheryl Fryberg, Director



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Silent Auction 5:30pm, preschool Christmas concert at 6:30pm Grey W. Gym**  
December 6
- **Academy night at Imagine Children's Museum Birth–3 and Pre–K from 6:00–8:00pm**  
December 12
- **Cookies & Photos with Santa event from 2:30 to 5:00pm**  
December 13
- **No AM childcare, monthly staff meeting, and Culture Day. Drop off from 9:15–9:45am, yes PM childcare**  
December 14
- **Parent Committee 12:00–1:00pm**  
December 19
- **Policy Council 12:00–1:00pm**  
December 20
- **Academy closed (all staff training)**  
December 21
- **Academy closed (winter break)**  
December 24–31

## Starfish



Hard to believe we are already into December and the last month before we start the new year! This month our theme is Winter Wonderland and we will be doing many winter activities. We are so excited for our children to explore winter, we will be doing different language, sensory, and art experiences. We would like to wish a happy birthday to Amelia and Beckham, each will be turning two this month! Please remember that we do go outside every day, so please

have your child dressed for our unpredictable Washington weather! We will be having cookies with Santa on Thursday, December 13 from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. The academy will be closed from December 21 through January 1, school will resume on Wednesday, January 2. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and we are looking forward to the start of a new year!

**—Elisa, Kara, and Jessyca**

## Orca



December is here and the new year is just around the corner! This month we will continue to explore our classroom and be introduced to different sensory items. While exploring and playing, we are starting to work on taking turns and keeping our hands to ourselves. The children seem to enjoy dancing, clapping, and drumming with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Mike when they come in and teach Lushootseed.

**—Samantha, Cyndi, and Samantha M.**

## Raccoon



Season's greetings! This month we are engaging in activities that are related to the colder weather and the upcoming holidays. We will continue to offer opportunities that promote fine motor skills growth, as well as familiarity with the letters in our first names and counting in both English and Lushootseed. Please remember to bring in extra clothes for your child, as well as warm jackets, hats, and mittens as the weather turns colder and we continue to play outdoors.

Our Culture Day will be Friday, December 14. Please join your child and their class in the gymnasium for a presentation by the Lushootseed Department beginning at approximately 10:00am. This month, happy birthday to William on the 26th and to Ethan on the 28th!

**—Stacie, Alix, and Casey**

## Salmon



December will be a very exciting month of fun in our room for the toddlers! It will be a very busy month full of special events and many exciting new activities for the kiddos to prepare for Christmas. The kids will be creating many fun holiday-themed art projects. The kids will be making snowmen, snowflakes, Santa, and many more fun holiday art items. Parents, don't forget to bring extra clothes for your child. Also, make sure they have a jacket because it is getting cold outside and we tend to play outside and go for walks periodically. Since the holidays tend to be a busy time of year, we try to continue our daily routines as much as possible to provide comfort and consistency for the children. Happy holidays from the Salmon Room!

**—Sarah, Leah, and Jasmin**

## Chipmunk



December is here and we will be talking about winter holidays and winter weather. With that in mind, please remember to bring warm coats and hats so that the kids stay warm and dry. We do take the children outside even if the weather is cold and/or wet. The academy will be closed for winter break from December 21 through January 2.

**—Jamie, Teresa, and Cheryl**





Hello parents! It is hard to believe that November is over and December is already here. Our class has had so much fun learning about family, sharing, and some new songs. Hope you are enjoying your turkey activity books. The children enjoyed having Lushootseed with Thomas and Mike. They really love to drum and sing. They also are thrilled to see Colby, the music teacher. He has many entertaining songs and props. It all seems to grab their attention. They love to participate in the extra activities.

We are moving right along into December and have many fun activities planned. December is always a very busy month and our theme is going to be winter. We are also going to be working on

sorting, classifying, and counting. We will occasionally be going outside to observe the weather and we will continue to have our regular outdoor play, but may be limited due to conditions. Brrr, it can get cold, so be sure your child has proper attire for the cold weather and extra clothes in case they get wet.

It is important to remember closure dates. Pay attention to the December calendar for all the times and activities for the holidays that will be going on in the month. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family!

—Anita, Nicki,  
Anthony,  
and Monica



As our 2018 year is quickly coming to an end, we would like to remind our parents that we will be continuing to go outdoors for activities, so please bring in weather-appropriate clothing, shoes, and hats if possible. This month we will be gearing our curriculum towards winter related activities. We will be bringing out holiday and snow-themed books to read with the children. Along with our themed curriculum, we will be doing winter themed sensory play with ice and other cold items. As our children continue to grow and develop, we are beginning to work on increasing their gross and fine motor skills such as jumping, skipping, galloping, and art activities with writing utensils, lacing, buttoning, zipping, etc. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the Cookies with Santa event on the 13th!

—Molly, Alondra,  
and Toni Jo



## Otter



December is always an exciting month to explore and celebrate with the kids. We will be doing a lot of crafts, songs, and fine motor activities. We've already started decorating the room and singing holiday songs. We are excited to watch the kids explore the various holiday objects like candy canes, bells, and gingerbread. Please let us know if your child will be absent during this holiday season, all "family time" absences need to be pre-approved.

Here are some fun holiday activities for you and your family;

- Drive around and look at lights
- Make a gingerbread house
- Bake cookies and give to friends
- Write a letter to Santa
- Watch Christmas movies as a family
- Cut out paper snowflakes
- Make a hot cocoa bar
- Donate old toys
- Take family pictures in front of the tree

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

—Jeryre, Sheila, and Rainey

## **COMMUNITY EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY:**

Early Childhood Developmental Services through a  
Federally Funded Community - Based Program  
Serving the Tulalip / Marysville School District

## **Early Head Start**

**Services provided for  
Pregnant Moms  
Children ages birth - 3**

### **We offer:**

- **Disabilities / Special Needs**
- **Center Based Learning**
- **Certified Educated Teachers with Early Learning Experience**
- **Small class sizes**
- **8 Children Per – Class with 2 Teachers**
- **Parent & Family Involvement**
- **Fun Family Events**
- **Parent Resources**
- **Parent Education Trainings**

## Turtle



Happy holidays! December is a busy month as we learn about the holidays and who we share it with such as our families and friends. This month we will be making a lot of arts and crafts that will be made with love and joy from our children. We will be exploring sensory skills in different ways and we hope that you will love what they come up with. The children are really growing as a classroom

family and, as time passes, they are learning every day how to respect and care about each other. We do ask you to dress your children warmly each day as we like to play and run around outside. We wish every one of you and your families a healthy and happy holiday season!

—Stacie, Val, and Isabel