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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 December 12 from 2:30–4:45pm. We hope to see you all there. Enjoy the holidays!

—Darla, Sherry, & Melissa Y.

Crab



It's already December—can you believe it? All of the kids in our room are now 6+ months old! Which means we can finally go on buggy rides with the whole class. Please make sure you're bringing coats and socks for your child in case we do go for a walk. We want to start exploring with our babies!

We will have cookies and a chance to meet and take a picture with Santa on the 12th. Be sure to come and take your picture! We will be having a spirit week in the Crab Room before winter break starts. We will be doing a reindeer/Rudolph nose day, Christmas hat day, red & green day, and a pajama day! We want to have some fun before the break. Winter break will be December 23 through January 1 and school will start back on January 2.

We hope you all have a great break, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We will be excited to see how big everyone has gotten over the few weeks—stay warm!

—Jen, Alix, & Mary

Sheryl Fryberg, Director



IMPORTANT DATES

- **2:30pm - 5:00pm Cookies and Photos with Santa at TELA Conference Room**
3:00pm Preschool Christmas Concert at TELA Gym
Thursday, December 12
- **12:00 - 1:00pm Parent Committee**
Wednesday, December 18
- **Pajama Day**
12:00 - 1:00pm Policy Council
Thursday, December 19
- **Academy Closed for Winter Break**
Monday, December 23 -
Wednesday, January 1

Turtle



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

—Sam T. & Cindi

Rabbit



It is hard to believe that soon it will be Christmas and another year is almost done. The toddlers have grown so much and learned so much in the past few months and we are all so proud of them. They are becoming so independent and some are starting to learn new words while others amaze us with their vocabulary.

Thank you for taking the time to come in and talk to us at the conferences. We love talking about the kiddos! Also, it is so insightful to compare notes on how your child is doing at home and at school. We have many fun activities planned for this month as we move into December. We will be learning about winter weather changes and with the winter season comes winter holidays. Please remember to send your child to school in the appropriate attire as it is getting colder outside. Happy holidays!

—Leah, Sarah, & Samantha

Raccoon



December is here...already! This month we will be focusing on holiday fun! We will making ornaments and decorating pine cones. Don't forget to join us for cookies and pictures with Santa on December 12 from 2:30–4:45pm. As always, please remember to dress your child appropriately for the cold weather and supply extra clothes in case of accidents. Happy holidays!

—Ms. Stacie & Ms. Stacy

Chipmunk



Happy holidays to every one of our families! This month is a short. With that being said it's really important for our families to take this time to work hard on potty training! As we start turning age 3, this is the last step before we can move over to the age 3–5 side. Please know that if your child is not fully potty trained, they are not moving over! The three weeks we have together we will be working on counting 1–20 and recognizing shapes. Counting our fingers, objects, etc. We are also going to help children repeat how to spell their name.

—Katherine, Shala, & Lutreece



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 bucket list 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 a Christmas movie as a family, cut out paper snowflakes, and make a hot cocoa bar.

—Jeryre, Sam, & Marcella

Beaver



As the year is almost over, I want to thank you and let you know your child is loved by us teachers and we will look after them as our own family member. It is a very short month but we will be having a lot of fun in class. We will be working on sharing is caring, using their manners, and being kind to your friends.

May you take this time off to spend with your family and enjoy the holidays—Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

—Nicole, Anita, & Anthony

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 who will be turning 3 years old this month! Please remember 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 12 from 2:30–4:45pm. The last day of school before the break will be December 19, this is also Pajama Day so wear your pajamas! We will resume school Thursday, January 2. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday break and we are looking forward to the start of a new year!

—Elisa, Kara, & Jessyca



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Early Childhood Developmental Services through a
Federally Funded Community - Based Program
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We offer:

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- **Center Based Learning**
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- **8 Children Per – Class with 2 Teachers**
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