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Beaver



We will be exploring winter weather this month as we explore things that are cold! We will explore ice cubes and look for hidden things inside of them! We will also create many art projects focusing on winter weather including snowmen and snowflakes. We will explore some different holiday traditions as we get closer to the winter holidays and will create decorations for our classroom and homes.

Please note that Santa will come visit our school on December 14th! We hope that you and your family can come join us for this fun event! Also, school will be closed December 22nd through January 1st for our winter break. We hope you have a wonderful holiday with your family!

—Fran, Leah, and Sam

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. Please remember we do go outside everyday so please have your children dressed for our unpredictable Washington weather! We will be having cookies with Santa on Thursday, December 14th from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm. The academy will be closed from December 22nd through January 1st, school will resume on January 2nd. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and we are looking forward to the start of a new year!

—Kara, Elisa, and Cheryl

Sheryl Fryberg, Director



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Academy Late Start**
(Drop off at 8:45am-9:15am)
December 1st
- **Preschool Concert and Winter Auction (6:30pm)**
December 7th
- **Cookies with Santa (3pm-5pm)**
December 14th
- **Academy Closed for Winter Break!**
December 22nd-Jan. 2nd



Turtle



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 14th from 3:00 pm -5:00 pm. We hope to see you all there. Also we will be closed December 22nd to January 2nd for the Christmas break. Enjoy the holidays!

—*Darla and Sherry*

Crab



Cannot believe it's already the end of the calendar year. This month we will be singing Holiday songs, winter songs & Finger plays. We will be talking about the cold weather and enjoying spending time with our friends. We hope you and your families enjoy the season together. Please check the supply of extra clothes for your child.

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- December 22nd-January 2nd: Academy Closed for Winter Break!

—*Ms. Stacy, Ms. Cindi, and Ms. Selina*

Otter



Happy Holidays to our families and friends. Wow how fast November has come and gone. November has been an exciting month for the Otter room. We have been working on our matching skills. We are learning how to match shapes, colors, patterns, and faces. The children love to sing! We are trying to learn the words to "Itsy, Bitsy Spider", "Twinkle Little Star", and "Wheels on the Bus" plus many more. We are also working hard on potty training and we are all progressing slowly but surely. In December we will be working on counting from 1 to 10 and matching numbers. We will be talking about the holidays and how exciting they will be. Thank you Otter parents for sharing your children with us, they are truly amazing.

—*Sarah and Anita*

Jellyfish



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 friendship. As the children are learning to express themselves, we are working on using words to identify their thoughts.

Christmas break will be December 22 through January 1. Please bring proper dress to keep your child warm and dry for outside exploration.

—*Sheila and Melissa*

Frog



Happy Holidays Frog Families! As the days are getting colder and hopefully filled with some snow, please remember to dress your child according to the weather. You can bring an extra coat or boots to keep in the classroom for your child. Hats and gloves may be necessary as well since we plan on having a month filled with fun winter activities for our kids. We plan on doing winter art, learning about snowmen and snow and the hot & cold.

We do have a couple closures this month and a late start. December 1st is late start, drop off will begin at 8:45 am-9:15 am. December 22nd through January 2nd will be our winter break.

We are excited for this month to come! We hope you all have a Merry Christmas!

—*Jen and Alix*





“Life is full of give and take. Give thanks, and take nothing for granted.”

Everyday our kids learn the concept of give and take. We talk about giving thanks for our meals and showing kindness and gratitude. These concepts are the foundation of building relationships that they will use throughout life. As we move more into the holiday season we will be reading holiday stories, exploring winter weather and various winter characters. We are slowly integrating Lushootseed words into our daily schedule. The children are starting to understand these new words and

respond. It is wonderful seeing the children pick up the language. Just a reminder to please remember warm coats and hat/gloves for outside play, we will continue to go outside daily (within reason) through this chilly season.

Please watch your e-mails and flyers for upcoming events and closures.

Have a great holiday season,

—*Jeryre and Alicia*



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