

December will be a busy month for us. Our themes are Advent and Christmas! I am looking forward to sharing the true meaning of Christmas with the children, the birth of Jesus! We will be discussing Advent and really exploring the story of the Nativity.

I also have some Santa activities planned. We will be sorting letters to Santa, doing some science experiments with candy canes, and playing memory games too! We will review the letters we have learned.

Christmas Party-

Dec. 19 & 20

No preschool Dec. 23-

Jan. 3



December 2024

Ms. Kelly



If you and your family have some special holiday traditions I would love to hear all about them. I will send a note home for you to fill out and send back. We will talk about all the ones we have in common and some of the ones we do differently.

Thank you for sending in all the balls! We had so much fun exploring and learning with them. Also, thank you so much for sending in all the non perishable items. It was amazing for the children to see how they can make a difference in the community!

I want to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas! I hope this is a year that you can create some new family traditions. Try to find some quiet time to celebrate the true meaning of the holiday. I look forward to hearing all about it in the New Year!

Love, Ms. Kelly

Week of: December 2-6

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Advent

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Interest Areas</b>	Advent Wreaths	Advent Wreaths	Baby Jesus in Manger Cutting, gluing, painting with forks	Wisemen art collage cutting and gluing	Paint dabbers on large ornament cutout
<b>Large Group</b>	Movement: Dance With Scarves  What is Advent?	Movement: Dance With Scarves  What is Advent?	Christmas Yoga  Advent songs	Retelling the Story of Jesus Birth  Christmas Yoga  What gift would you bring baby Jesus?	Singing our favorite Christmas carols  Retelling the Story of Jesus Birth  What gift would you bring baby Jesus?
<b>Read-Aloud</b>	<i>God Gave us Christmas</i>	<i>This is the Stable</i>	First Night	The Little Drummer Boy Th & F	Winter A Solstice Story Th & F
<b>Small Group</b>	Peppermint playdough(all week) Religion(all week) Family gifts(all week)	Candy Cane Counting Game	Letter Matching Christmas trees	Fizzing candy cane eruptions Thursday and Friday	Fizzing candy cane eruptions Thursday and Friday

**Outdoor Experiences:** Reindeer games( tag game)

**Family Partnerships:** Share your favorite childhood family traditions with your child.

**Wow! Experiences:** Candy cane science

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Christmas

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Interest Areas</b>	Wrapping our family gifts(All week)  Paper strip Christmas trees	Painting Santa's beard	Star cutouts with glitter paint	Creating a large Christmas Tree with paint sticks Th\Fri	Handprint AngelsTH/F
<b>Large Group</b>	Pass the present Discuss Family Holiday Traditions(all week)	Pass the present Discussion and Shared Writing: What is your favorite Christmas activity?	Discussion and Shared Writing: What is your favorite Christmas song?	What do you want for Christmas?  Musical Instruments with our favorite Christmas songs	What do you want for Christmas?  Musical Instruments with our favorite Christmas songs
<b>Read-Aloud</b>	<i>Olivia's Christmas</i>	<i>Let it Snow</i>	The Christmas Quiet Book	If you take a Mouse to the Movies	Cocoa's Cranky Christmas
<b>Small Group</b>	Family Cards(all week) Christmas Math games Religion(all week)	Memory game	Candy cane counting	Sorting Santa Letters (size)	Cookie cutters with Playdough

**Outdoor Experiences:** Reindeer Games

**Family Partnerships:** Enjoy the magic of the season with your child!! Take some time to read and enjoy quiet moments in the hustle and bustle.


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 December 16- 20

Exploring the Topic: Christmas Parties the 19th & 20th

	Monday	Tuesdays	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Interest areas	Cutting a large triangle adding handprints to create a reindeer	Cookie Cutter prints/Create wrapping paper	Cookie Cutter prints/Create wrapping paper	Santa's beard cutting activity	Special Coloring Page with colored pencils
Large group	Dance Freeze to Christmas Music	Dance Freeze to Christmas music	Christmas movement cards	Christmas movement cards	Dancing with Jingle Bells
Read-aloud	Llama Llama Holiday Drama	Hurry Santa	Construction Site on Christmas Night	5 More Sleeps 'Til Christmas	Twas the Night Before Christmas
Small group	Creating Reindeer Food M & T  Religion(all week)	Christmas I Spy Game	Christmas measure cards with cubes	Christmas Bingo  Creating Jingle Bell Necklaces	Christmas Bingo  Creating Jingle Bell Necklaces

**Outdoor Experiences:**

Reindeer Games Musical instruments and singing Christmas Carols

**Family Partnerships:**

Sign up to bring something in for the party.

**Wow! Experiences:** Christmas Parties!

