### Miss. Susie's Classroom

# DECEMBER

### Merry Christmas

This year has flown by. I can't believe it is already December. I pray that in the hustle and bustle of the holidays, you may find special time with your family to enjoy and celebrate the holiness of the season. May you have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

## What we are Learning

We will spend the week of Dec. 1st talking about Advent. Our class will be talking about the Advent season as a time of waiting for Jesus to come into the world. We will be making Advent wreaths, decorating angels, and will be reading Advent stories together. The following two weeks are also filled with Christmas fun. We will be making Christmas cards, playing with peppermint play-doh, making jingle bell necklaces, and playing several fun games together.

### **Important Info**

- Last day of preschool before break will be on Friday the 19<sup>th.</sup>
- We will be open for daycare December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Center will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas.
- The Center will also be closed December 31<sup>st</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup> for New Years.
- Preschool will resume Monday January 5<sup>th.</sup>

#### **Christmas Party**

Our Christmas parties will be on Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> and on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

More information to follow regarding cookies and juice sign up for the party.

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Week of: December 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Teacher: Miss.Susie

Study: Christmas

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Interest Areas	Cars and Trucks Christmas Nativity Set	Cars and Trucks Christmas Nativity Set	Magnetic Cubes Christmas Finger Puppets	Magnetic Cubes Christmas Finger Puppets	Race to Fill the Cup Cube Counting Game Christmas Book Collection
Large Group	Poem: "Santa"  Song: "Jingle Bells"  Discussion: What is Christmas?	Poem: "Santa"  Song: "Santa Claus is Coming To Town"  Discussion and Shared Writing: What does Christmas mean to you?	Song: "The Twelve Days of Christmas"  Discussion and Shared Writing: One thing you are most grateful for this holiday season.	Poem: "Little Pine Tree"  Song: "Silent Night"  Discussion and Shared Writing: What do you imagine the North Pole to look like? Who would you find?	Poem: "Little Pine Tree"  Song: "Frosty the Snowman"  Discussion and Shared Writing: What is your favorite Christmas story?
Read- Aloud	The Cow Loves Cookies	There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Bell	The Christmas Sweater	The Littlest Christmas Elf	Snowmen at Christmas
Small Group	Cow Paper Bag Puppet	Parent Gifts	Parent Gifts	Christmas Cookie Cutter Process Art	Make Cupcakes

#### Family Partnerships:

Take a walk around your neighborhood and look for signs of Christmas--lights, decorations, etc.! Additionally, please take time to talk with your child about your holiday traditions that you share with your family every year.

Week of: December 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Teacher: Miss.Susie

Study: Christmas

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Interest Areas	Peppermint Play Doh Nativity Pattern Mats	Peppermint Play Doh Nativity Pattern Mats	Christmas Nativity Set  Writing my name in red and green marker	Christmas Party	Christmas Party
Large Group	Poem: "Five Little Reindeer"  Song: "Reindeer Pokey"  Discussion and Shared Writing: Can you name all of Santa's Reindeer	Poem: "Five Little Reindeer"  Song; "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer"  Discussion and Shared Writing: Would you rather be an Elf in Santa's Workshop or a Reindeer pulling Santa's Sleigh?	Song: "Five Little Elves"  Discussion and Shared Writing: How do you spread Holiday Cheer?	Rhyme: "Call Rudolph"  Finger play: "Five Little Bells"  Jingle Bell Freeze Dancing	Rhyme: "Call Rudolph"  Song: "Up on the Housetop"  Discussion and Shared Writing: You have been granted one Christmas wishWhat will it be?
Read- Aloud	Rodney Reindeer	Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer	How to Catch an Elf	The Reindeer's Christmas Party	The Night Before Christmas
Small Group	Shape Reindeer	Shape Reindeer	Santa's Beard Scissor Skills	Party Games Pattern Candy Canes	Party Games