December Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed the Thanksgiving break with your families. It's hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner. We have many exciting things planned culminating with our gingerbread house event. We are so looking forward to having you in to share some Christmas cheer, sing a few songs, and create something fun with your child.

This month we will continue learning the letter of the week, engage in STEAM activities, and do several Christmas crafts. We will sing Christmas songs, and learn the Bible story that teaches us about Jesus's birthday and why we truly celebrate Christmas. We will also be very busy making a surprise Christmas gift for you!

We have a special visitor coming to visit us each class session for the entire month of December. His name is Elvis, and he is our classroom "Elf on the Shelf". The children will find him in all sorts of funny places in our classroom. And as the story goes, the children can't touch him. We wouldn't want Elvis to lose his magical powers, which apparently enable him to get to the North Pole and back in one day! We will talk about Elvis with the children at circle time and tell them that Elvis talks to Santa about all the great Christmas fun we're having at school. Please ask your children about Elvis's antics...he always elicits a smile. Finally, on the last day before break, we will send home sparkling oats in a Ziploc bag for Santa's reindeer. These oats should be spread outside on the lawn to not only light the way for the reindeer, but also give them a muchneeded snack on their journey on Christmas Eve. As you can see, the magic of the season will truly be alive with our preschoolers!

Important dates:

Elvis the Elf on the Shelf makes his debut – 12/5 Gingerbread House Event – 12/19 @10:30 Christmas Break Begins/No School – 12/21

> We're wishing you a joyous holiday season! Jennifer Landesman and Kristi Illum