



Our Redeemer Child Care Center Toddler Room - Group 2 December 2012

Reminders

- **MISS SUE'S MUSIC & MOVEMENT** will be here on Wednesday, December 6th, Wednesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 20th.
- **PIZZA DAYS:** December 7th, 13th, 21st, 27th. Remember, pizza \$ is due every Wednesday.
- **IT'S GETTING COLD OUT...**we love to go outdoors, especially in the snow! Throughout the winter, please be sure that your child has a warm jacket, hat and mittens (and snow pants and boots as needed) so that we can all enjoy outdoor play together.
**Please note whether your child's mittens or gloves are easy to put on and that they are able to play with them on. Thanks!*
- **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**
December 24th, 25th - CLOSED
January 1st - CLOSED

Weekly Themes

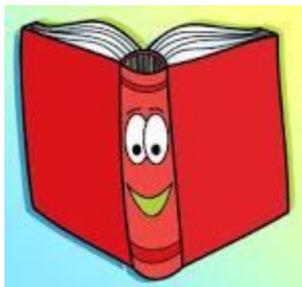
- Dec. 5 - 9: Animals in Winter
- Dec. 10 - 14: "Goodnight Moon"
- Dec. 17 - 21: Happy Holidays!
- Dec. 26 - 28: Happy New Year!

**Please join us for ORCCC's
"Holiday Family Fun Night!"**
Thursday, December 13th 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
6:30 - 7:10 Holiday Crafts and Photos with Santa
7:10 - 7:30 The Polar Express and Christmas Carols
Wear your pajamas!



Gingerbread Play Dough

- 2 c. flour
 - 1 tbsp. ground cinnamon
 - 1 c. salt
 - 1 tbsp. ground ginger
 - 1 c. water
 - 2 tbsp. vegetable oil (additional vegetable oil as needed to improve consistency)
- Mix the ingredients together. Knead until the dough is smooth.



We LOVE books!
The Scholastic Book Fair will be at ORCCC through December 7th

Last month we...made "germ" art and learned to sneeze and cough into our elbows - celebrated Diwali by making "Diyas" - sang the song "Aiken Drum" and put "Aiken" together using fruits and vegetables - looked through grocery store flyers to find healthy foods - learned that turkeys say "gobble, gobble" - counted turkeys - painted with feathers instead of brushes - pretended to have Thanksgiving dinner in dramatic play area - made a collage with pictures of all of our classmates - pretended movement scarves were snowballs and threw them into the air - practiced identifying and matching with Native American symbols - learned that we need to wear winter clothes to keep warm in the winter - made collages with pictures of winter clothing - used jingle bells with Miss Sue - learned a poem about putting on our winter clothes - made paint prints - took turns pretending to be grizzly bears sleeping in a cave - AND we started to learn how to "flip" on our jackets before we go outdoors - WE WERE BUSY!

Have a wonderful holiday!
Amanda M., Amanda T. and Mayura

December Songs and Fingerplays



"WINTER CLOTHES POEM"

Put on your coat and zip it up tight, put on your left boot, put on your right.
Put on your scarf, put on your hat, put on your mittens and clap-clap-clap!
Go outside and play and play. Come in again and then we'll say -
Take off your coat that was zipped up tight. Take off your left boot, take off your right.
Take off your scarf, take off your hat. Take off your mittens and then take a nap!
Note: Act out the verses.

"DEER GETS READY FOR WINTER" (tune: Skip to my Lou)

Deer gets ready, what does it do?
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Deer gets ready, what does it do?
What does it do for the winter? (a deer grows thick fur!)
Add: bear goes to sleep, goose flies away, squirrel gathers food

"THIS IS THE WAY I GO TO BED" (tune: All around the Mulberry Bush)

This is the way I brush my teeth, brush my teeth, brush my teeth,
This is the way I brush my teeth before I go to bed.
Talk with children about their bedtime routine and add/act out verses: take a bath, put on my pajamas, read books, give a hug, etc.

"LET'S ALL DO A LITTLE CLAPPING" (tune: We Wish You a Merry Christmas)

Let's all do a little clapping,
Let's all do a little clapping,
Let's all do a little clapping - and spread (Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, New Year's)
cheer!
Add other actions: jumping, twirling, stomping, stretching, bending, etc. Encourage children to come up with their own movements.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS! (tune: Happy Birthday To You!)

On the first Christmas day
From the Father above
Came the little lord Jesus
To show us God's love
Happy birthday to you
Happy birthday to you
I love you dear Jesus
Happy Birthday to you!

