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Miss Laurel's Corner

It's that time of year! So much excitement, so much to do. We will be busy in our classes this month. Everything we do will be developmentally appropriate for the ages and stages of the children.

December is a great month to work on some skill building and practice along with all the celebrating. You can think in terms of everything from color recognition, to writing skills, and even work in some math. Writing and signing holiday cards is a wonderful way to encourage all kinds of literacy, and think about all the vocabulary building that comes from learning seasonal songs. Working on math skills such as patterns is so easy when you think about making chains, or stringing popcorn. Not to mention all the motor skills practice.

So when you are tearing out your hair wondering how to involve the kids in all the doing that comes with the holidays, just remember to let them be a part of it all. But along with all the doing, the coming and the going, please remember to work in some down time. Not just for the kids, but for yourself as well. There is nothing like taking a little time to drive around your neighborhood to see the lights!

My wish for you this Holiday season is that you will find happiness and contentment and maybe a little peace.

Lots of Love,
Miss Laurel



Upcoming Dates

Dec 3	Classroom Cleaning
Dec 6	Teacher In-Service
Dec 9	Winterfest
Dec 13	Board Meeting
Dec 19-30	No School-Winter Break

Around the Classroom

- This month we will be talking about day and night, and learning that healthy hearts need rest and exercise.
- **Pajama and Breakfast Day!** Children may wear pj's, bring blankets and flashlights. We will be making "breakfast" that day.



PJ Day:

Red and Blue- Thursday, Dec. 1st
Yellow class- Friday, Dec. 2nd

- The classroom tree will be going up around the second week this month. Please help your child make an ornament for the tree using red, gold and silver. ****Blue** class is encouraged to make and bring an ornament using those colors.



Red and Yellow classes will have red, silver and gold day.

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Around the third week in December all classes with have an Elf party. This will be on their last day of school before winter break.



Thank you to all the vendors that participated in the Fall Bazaar! Many of them made some amazing donations to our silent auction!!



Bates Corner

Gratitude is often something we think about during the holidays. The following is a list of things parents can do to instill gratitude in their children.

Teaching the Value of Gratitude

Be an example:

- Children learn best by watching you. If you want your children to show gratitude then you need to show thankfulness yourself. They need to continually see parents and other important people in their lives saying thank you in a variety of ways.

Be cautious about complaining:

- Be aware about how you may be complaining about money, work, and relationships or other things in front of the children.

Practice for fun:

- Make up games and role plays that involve gratitude and appreciation. Incorporate gratitude when playing with your children. Role play situations where both you and they say thank you.

Teach gratitude when things go wrong:

- Having a "cup is half full" attitude in front of children is a great example to them. Simple things such as power outages can help us reflect on how grateful we are that we have modern conveniences. Finding the good in every situation teaches children to be grateful in all situations.

Make a gratitude poster:

- Drawing pictures and writing down all of the things your family is grateful for.

Pointing out the little things:

- Find every day opportunities to express gratitude to others. Thanking someone who opens a door.

Practice random acts of kindness:

- Open doors for people, let them go in front of you when in line. The appreciation they show to you is a great example to young children.

Show gratitude to your children:

- Be sure to catch all the little things your children do that you can say thank you. Tell them how their kind acts make you feel when you express your gratitude to them. Show your appreciation when they share a toy or help you do something.

Count your blessings:

- Talk often about the many things you are grateful for like your home, your family, and especially your child.

Have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

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