



December 2017 Newsletter Lynnfield Preschool

Mark Your Calendar

- December 7th, 2017:
*Preschool Informational
Night (for incoming
students)*
- December 19th and 22nd:
*Polar Express Pajama Parties
(more information to
follow)*
- December 25th-29th:
School Vacation Week
- January 1st: *NO SCHOOL*

A Note from the Teacher

Dear Parents,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that your Thanksgiving holiday was filled with happiness and relaxation! We are excited to be back in session beginning a new month of learning and exploration in our preschool classes.

As always, the preschool staff appreciates your constant support and willingness to lend a helping hand! Thank you for the donation of tissues, wipes, and hand sanitizer which have aided efforts to keep classrooms and kiddos germ free.

Please continue to watch your child's folder and/or backpack and your email for important notices and projects throughout the month as we are looking forward to fun-filled December!

*Wishing You a Safe and Happy Month Ahead,
Lynnfield Preschool Staff*



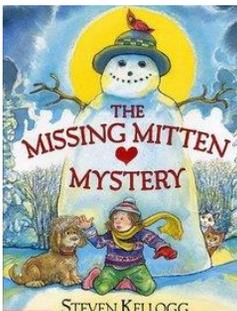
Theme Time!

December is the month to learn about the holidays! Children will be introduced to themes surrounding Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, and other seasonal celebrations. More specifically, preschoolers will discuss the varying traditions of each holiday, along with creating decorations, singing fun songs, and participating in read alouds to gain more information about the celebrations and promote discussion among students! This month our color will be WHITE!



Books We Love This Month!

- *The Snow Globe Family* by Jane O'Connor
- *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner
- *Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep* by Maureen Wright
- *The Missing Mitten Mystery* by Steven Kellogg



A Few Reminders!

-Please send warm jackets, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. into school with your child.

We plan to use the playground, weather permitting, until the snow begins to pile up!

-During drop off and pick up please pull all the way up to the stop sign to avoid a back-up in the parking lot and remain in your car until you are parked curbside.

Thank you!

From the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians:

There are so many opportunities to educate our children outside of the walls of the Lynnfield Public Schools. This became abundantly clear to me this past week as I participated in a Google Hangout with the second grade students from Summer Street School. The students reached out to a plant scientist who lives in Durham North Carolina, Jen Tremblay. Yes, it is not a coincidence; the scientist is my oldest daughter. The students were completely engaged, asking her questions about her job. Some of the questions and topics included, how she became a scientist, the type of work, and the kinds of experiments she performs. Additionally, they were curious about the classes she took in high school and what it was like working in a lab every day. Clearly, I know my daughter's job, but even I learned new things about her work experience. I did not know her greatest challenges and learning opportunities came from failed experiments and her greatest success was a project accepted by the Canadian government.

Later that day, I received a text from one of the second grade teachers. This was to tell me several of her students upon return to the classroom expressed that they would like to become scientists when they grow up. My point is, we all have people in our family either immediate or extended family and friends, who could help spark curiosity in our students through simple conversations. My daughter told the students that her love from Biology came from her high school Biology teacher. She knew after completing that class that she wanted to be a scientist and everything she did from that point on was dedicated toward achieving that goal.

We often hear about teachers who inspire students. However, there are so many untapped resources in our personal lives that we don't often think of. I encourage you to go beyond your scope of expertise and knowledge to expose your children to as many different people with varied skill sets as possible in the hopes that one of the encounters will spark a curiosity; perhaps, one that will lead to a career of passion rather than a career of necessity. Jen was honest with the students when she expressed how lucky she is to do the work everyday that she loves.

Regardless of what level of school your children are in, a casual conversation with those who have found their life's passion may set your children on a trajectory that will bring them happiness, satisfaction, a sense of accomplishment and true joy. I encourage you to pursue this opportunity!

I wish you all a holiday season filled with peace, joy and happiness.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work with you and your children.

Warm Regards,
Jane

Just a thought:
Chase down your passion like it's the last bus of the night.
– Terri Guillemets



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