

Miniapple Int'l Montessori



December 2015

Director's notes:

Thank you for your participation in bringing food and/or joining us for the Thanksgiving Feast! It was a tasty celebration.

It seems like we just started practicing for the **Winter Program** and it's already stage time! On Wednesday, December 9th, we will have our annual Winter Program. Please pick your child up by 5:30PM on the 9th so our teachers and the children have time to get ready and make it to Tartan High School by 5:45PM. We will begin the program at 6:00PM. Following the program, we'll gather in the cafeteria to socialize and enjoy snacks together. Extended family and friends are welcome. We hope to get your holidays off to a festive start!

On Monday, December 14th, we will have an "in-house" field trip. MerlaJean will bring her puppets to share Winter Stories with us. The cost is \$4.00/child. Please sign up for this fun event.

Please let us know if your child will be taking **time off** for the holidays. There is a form on the classroom bulletin board where you can mark the days your child will be off or just let your child's teacher know. The weeks of Christmas and New Year's will be fun weeks with lots of games and projects. We will combine classrooms and hope to enjoy some snowy fun.

We will be back to our regular routine on Monday, January 4th.

Where in the World? Stop in the Large Motor Room to see our map of the world. Where are you from? Please take a minute to add a star to our map. This will provide opportunities for geography lessons and be a great visual of how diverse our Miniapple family is.



Infant Update

Happy Holidays to all of our families! Take time to enjoy the season with family and friends! We will be having our Holiday Program. Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 9th from 6:00PM-8:00PM at Tartan High School here in Oakdale. Hope to see you all there! We welcome Ning to our room this month—he turned one on November 26th—Happy Birthday! Please help him and his family feel welcome! If your baby will be gone over the Holidays, please let us know so we can plan accordingly with staff!
Enjoy the Season!

Mary, Linda, Hanh, Christina, & Noelia



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Toddler Happenings

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Our Winter Program is coming up and the toddlers have been practicing hard. Toddlers should come dressed in black pants/leggings and white shirts we made.

We will be making gingerbread houses with help from the kindergarteners and our older siblings on Dec. 11th. Please watch for more information on the bulletin board. Start thinking of something fun to bring in to decorate the gingerbread houses.

We will change our food works to include making hot cocoa and peeling clementines. Your donations are always welcomed and greatly appreciated!

Be sure to have winter gear: snow pants, hat, mittens, and boots. We will provide a bag to store everything.

We welcome Alexa to TH2. We wish a Happy Birthday to Lauren!

Ms. Maria & Ms. Nicole – Toddler House 1

Ms. Sara & Ms. Kayli– Toddler House 2



Children's House News

CH1 -Happy Holidays to everyone! We will be very busy this month making holiday gifts and enjoying the wintery outdoors.

Our literature unit will be Christmas around the world. We will talk about how different countries celebrate the holiday. Our practical life work will include some holiday favorites such as stringing cranberries & puff corn and making ornaments with oranges and cloves. We will also be peeling little cuties and making hot cocoa.

Our science shelf will be the study of Animals and what they do in the winter.

Everyone have a wonderful holiday season.

Ms. Kiehne & Ms. Priscilla

CH2 -Happy December to all! So much going on... Our classroom is in the spirit of the season. Our practical life will boast all kinds of festive works and art is all about the holidays. Thank you for all the food donations! We will have a pajama/movie/Pizza party on Thursday, December 10th. We will keep you posted.

Merry Christmas to all!

Ms. Marie & Ms. Betsy

CH3 –Happy Holidays! We are so excited for the program on Dec. 9. We have been practicing so much for this day and the children are doing quite well. Our art shelf is full of holiday projects and decorations. The practical life shelf will include, making cranberry & puff corn garlands, cinnamon grating, tangerines with cinnamon, pickle slicing and from Colombia hot Chocolate with arepas Thank you so much for your continued donations; our children love to do the food works. Also, don't forget about our pajama fiesta on Dec. 10. The children can come dressed in their pajamas with a shoebox (see bulletin board) and ready for fun! Feliz Navidad!

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Ms. Monica & Ms. Kathy

CH4 –Happy December everyone! Thank you everyone who filled up shoeboxes! And thank you for the delicious food for our Thanksgiving feast! Children loved the idea of serving their own food, eating family-style and having fun conversations :)

We love the festive arts and crafts this month. We will be threading puff corn and cranberries, besides continuing their favorite biscuit work! In science, we will study about where animals disappear in the winter. Looking forward to a beautiful holiday program!

P.S. I know a lot of you are working hard in getting the 100 reading strips in, but please don't rush! We can continue that through the school year and as you are done, bring those in.

Ms. Prarthana & Ms. Kayla

Dates to Remember:

December 7: Singer & songwriter Ms. Barb Tilsen will sign her new CD 3–5pm!

December 9: Winter Program at Tartan High School 6:00 PM

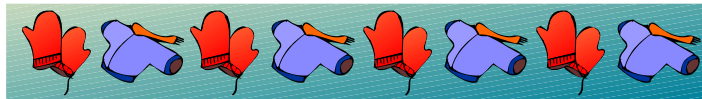
December 10: Holiday Pizza and PJ Party

December 19: MerlaJean “Winter Stories” in-house field trip

December 24 & 25: CLOSED for Christmas

December 31 & Jan. 1: CLOSED for New Year

February 15: CLOSED President's Day/Teacher Workshop



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