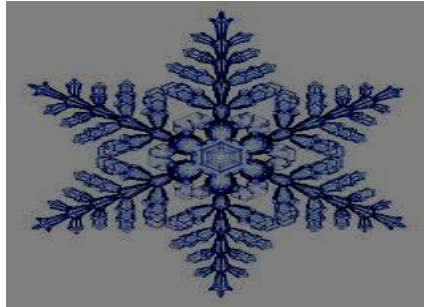


## Parent Newsletter – December 2018



It is so hard to imagine that three months have passed by already! I am still having so much fun with your kids and learning things every day :) November was a very busy month, with the Lund Craft Fair and Sandy's Puppet Shows, but we all pulled together and made a success of it. The Craft Fair brought in about \$375 with the Raffle tickets so far, and our Bake Sale efforts raised over \$200. Way to go parents for pulling this off! I know it felt like a lot, because we are a rather small parent group this year, but it is very needed and appreciated!!! We have many more raffle tickets to sell, they make great stocking stuffers too. Please return the sold raffle tickets and money to me or Brooke. This year we have a sign out/sign in system for the tickets so we can keep better track of them and account for all of the tickets and money!

Our theme this month is Cultural Diversity and Christmas Traditions. Because our Christmas break is relatively late in the month this year, we have a full three weeks of this! We also want to focus on homemade gifts this month and I have lots of fun crafts planned for the kids. I will again do "Sinterklaas" with the children, as it is a tradition from my Dutch culture. If they could bring an extra shoe on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Sinterklaas may visit and fill their shoe with treats! We will decorate an outdoor tree with edible décor for the birds and talk about Solstice and the return of the light, on our last day, December 20<sup>th</sup>. **I am also planning a small field trip to the Post Office on December 11<sup>th</sup>...**with luck we may see all the parcels arrive! We will write our letters to Santa and then bring them to "Ruth in the Booth" to mail. I don't think I will need an extra parent, but any parent is always welcome to come along!

We will not have our Parent meeting this month, but we will resume the meetings and the parent education workshop component again in January. In Sheila's absence, Kathy Slizeak (who has done all our previous parent workshops) will be doing the Parent Education hour. She is a very experienced facilitator, so bring your parenting questions and forward them to me and I will make sure Kathy can address them.

Preschool is closed from December 21<sup>st</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup>. **We will be doing the mandatory cleaning of the preschool classroom and all the toys in it on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-1pm...bring a lunch and let the kids play....many hands make light work!**

~Wishing you Joy and Peace at the Holidays and through the New Year~