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Upcoming Events

12.5- Take Home Activity

12.16 - 10:00 am Village Program 12.16 - 1:00 pm Casa Blanca Program

12.17 - Nutrition Activity "Grape Trees"

12.17 - 10: 00 am Seama Program

12.18 - 10:00 am Encinal Program

12.18 - 1:00 pm Paguate Program







Sunnyside

December: We made it through the month of November. The children have learned as well as achieved goals, the children have also adjusted to the everyday classroom routines. The theme for the month was brushes the children explored the different types of brushes the children got the chance to see and use the different brushes.

Creative Curriculum: For the month of December, we are looking forward to exploring different types of lights. What types of lights are there, ...? How can we use lights? Questions we will answer. The children will have handson learning with engaging activities. Home activities: Look around your house and see what types of lights you have.

Talk about what they are used for.

For Social-Emotional: Getting used to meeting new staff members.

Cultural lifeways: We are in the month of traditional food and music

Conscious Discipline: The power of love



Highlight student achievements/milestones accomplished

We welcomed a few new friends to the classroom. We have a full class.

A.L-Taking steps on her own and making small conversations

A.P-Saying more words

D.E-Walking While holding one hand

a.C-Walking around more and using the steps

M-N.L-Saying more words and becoming more open to making friends

A.V-Adapted to the classroom routines

R. E-Adapted to the classroom routines

Bizthdays – No bizthdays this month Remindezs to parents:

-Check folders for any flyers and information

 As the weather is getting colder make sure the children have jackets, please call to let us know if child will be absent

Parent tip(s): Be patient and understanding, during separation.

-Offer extra cuddles, reassurance, and saying good-bye.

Parent recognition: Thank you to our parents for bringing their children to school,

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Greetings Families, we hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving with your loved ones! The month of November closed with your children beginning to trace dashed or dotted lines, using their fingers and hands to hold writing and art tools, and have more morning meetings to learn the Morning Prayer and Greeting Song. Your children explored brushes by handling different types of brushes and using it to either brush their hair, brush the dolls head, brush the stuffed bear and monkey, and saw the differences between brushes that help you care for yourself and brushes that help clean.

We learned some new words "whisk" and "dust-bin"; and, practiced using them to clean up toys! The children were familiar with using the whisk to sweep up dust, and used it to sweep up the toys to put in the cleaning bin. It was amazing to see the children interested in a plastic bin filled with brushes!

During the months of December and January, we will be learning and exploring Lights and Paper. For lights, children can practice doing things by themselves by turning the lights on and off, they can discover how to hold and use flashlights with their hands, and follow directions by playing the red light/green light game. Children will also learn the different names of light and how they're used—we are hoping that the children will engage in conversation and maybe become more involved in how their interest can bring experiences that can extend outside the classroom. Our Cultural Lifeway will focus on drums, rattles, and bells—and, traditional foods to see what foods are used to feed during celebrations.

In January, paper can bring about artistic possibility. These opportunities will allow children to cut with scissors, fold, make a sculpture (with papier-mâché), use different paper products in their play (paper plates, note pads, etc....), and identify shapes colors of a variety of papers. The Cultural Lifeway will be centered around the new tribal officials and how we celebrate by throwing, dancing, and eating (review of traditional foods).

As we near the end of 2025 and enter into 2026, we will also celebrate a December birthday! Happy 3rd Birthday MC! She will transition to a three-year-old classroom in January! She has been practicing





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Creative curriculum: For the months of December and January the months are cut short due to our Winter Break. So for the couple of weeks in December our study will be Lights. The children will be able to see the different kinds of lights there are including natural and artificial lights.

When we return from our Winter break our study for the month of January will be Paper. We will describe what types of paper there is and how it is used in our classrooms, houses and everyday life.

Cultural Lifeways: For the month of December our Cultural Lifeways study will be Music/Traditional foods. We will introduce musical instruments to the children both Modern and Traditional weather it be in pictures or the instruments themselves. We will also start to discuss some tradition foods and maybe even taste some.

Our color of the month for December is Green.

For the month of January will be Visitation of the New officers. The children will learn about the new officials elected and what roles they have in our community.

Our color of the month for January is Blue.

Our STEAM / Nutrition activities for December will be Sounds of our Natural world and Grape trees. For January it will be What is a Habitat? And Snowman crackers.

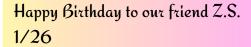
Reflection of November

Creative curriculum: Our theme for the month of November was brushes. Our children got to look at and used different kinds of brushes to paint, brush their teeth/hair.

Cultural Lifeways: Hunting. The kids were taught that animals are blessings to the people and that they provide food and other blessings to the people.

Other activities: Our STEAM activity for the month of November was Exploring Trees and our Nutrition Activity was frozen yogurt covered blueberries.

Parent Engagement: We had a couple of take home projects sent out (11/4 and 11/7) along with our Thanksgiving dinner on 11/19



Parent reminders: Please make sure to dress your child for the weather (layers if possible). Please be sure to check your child's folder daily for any notes, flyers etc.







Creative Curriculum: In the month of December, we are going to study "lights". Where do we use lights? Can lights be different colors? Can we name the shape of some lights? We will spend the month looking at pictures of many different types of lights, as well as exploring hands on with lights made available to the class.

Cultural Lifeways: children will identify musical instruments by listening to traditional music and also have the opportunity in creating their very own instrument. We will repeat our vocabulary throughout the month: bread, chili stew, pies, cookies, tamales, meat, Indian tea, roasted corn, mama dolls, and mutton. There will be a demonstration of how to make "Hi-yah-nee" (blue corn mush drink).

Conscious Discipline: Power of Love. Love is the opposite of fear. When Teachers, staff and families approach children through the lens of love, interactions shift from judgement and frustration to connection, compassion, and teaching. -Dr. Becky Bailey

Health / Nutrition Activities: We will make some trees out of grapes.

Achievements / Goals: We have two friends J.P. and M.M. working on their potty training, wearing pull-ups, using their independent skills of pulling down their pants/pull-up, sitting on the potty chair, and pulling everything back up. Yay friends keep up the great work.

Birthdays: Belated Birthday shout out to our friend D.P. 11/16, may you be blessed with many more!! Birthday shout out to Teacher Candice 12/18

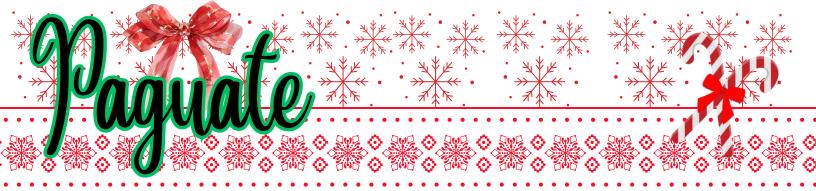
Parent Tips:

- · Establish routines-consistent daily routines help toddlers feel secure and understand expectations; include meal times sitting at the table, 8 to 10 hours of sleeping (on weekends or school days off, make sure they are taking naps); allow play time instead of screen time.
- · Encourage communication- foster language development by talking (refrain from using baby talk), reading books, and singing songs with your toddler, encourage them to use words, repeat words for them.
- · Promote independence-encourage self-help skills, such as washing hands, throwing away their trash, picking up and putting away their toys.
- · Set clear boundaries- use simple clear rules and explain to them the reason behind the rules; be consistent with discipline to help toddlers to understand consequences.

Parent Engagement: Thank You parents for taking the time to engage in the at home activities being sent home; having small discussions with your child about the finished project is a site to see on your child's face. ©Big KUDDOS to our first parent volunteer, Autumn Waconda, thank you for your time spent in the classroom.

Thank you to those who keep your child home when they are not feeling their best. This really does help the illness from spreading to the others; as always don't forget to call the school or text Teacher Candice if your child is going to be absent. It is also good to see them bigger jackets being worn during these chilly days!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope you all enjoy your time being spent together as a family. Make it about the love and not the stress. We will see you in January. Winter break December 22, 2025 to January 7, 2026, children return to the program on January 8, 2026





Greetings Family and Friends,

How time has been flying and now we are into the Month of December. This month we will be learning about Music, Traditional foods and using the color Green (Ku wii rsk). Learning about the names of Traditional foods like bread, chili stew, cookies, pies, tamales, meat, Indian tea, roasted corn, mama dolls and mutton. Our vocabulary is drum, rattle and bells.

We, are happy to share that our children are learning our keres language. We, do our daily meal prayer and our morning prayer and the children are able to say the prayer. Encourage to ask them to say the meal prayer as you enjoy your meal at home with family and friends.

For the month of December, we will continue to follow classroom routine. We are happy to say that our classroom is growing, we now have 15 children and moving forward with our learning. We, are working on letter writing and pre-writing our name, shapes and numbers. With our new addition, we are happy to say that we are continuing practicing our Creative Curriculum, Cultural Life Ways, and Conscious Discipline.

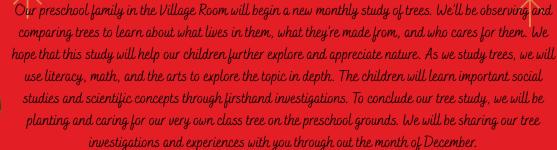
We, would like to thank you Parents/Guardians for your participation in the take home activities that you assist your child and retuning your In-kind sheets. Please, continue to encourage your child and guidance with these activities. We love to see all the kids work when they return it and the excitement when they can tell their friends about what they made.

The Weather has changed and is getting colder, please dress your child in layers and continue to keep them safe. If they are not feeling well, please keep them home to get better or take them to the Dr. We, only want to keep our children safe and healthy. Please remember to call the school if your child is going to be absent.

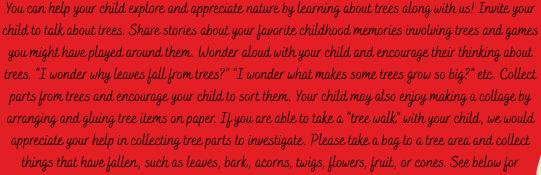
Also, a Happy Birthday to Teacher Mariah 12/19

Reminder Christmas Break starts December 22, 2025 – January 7, 2026. Kids return Thursday January 8, 2026. We hope you have a great break and enjoy the time with family and friends. Wishing you a safe and wonderful holiday from Paguate Room Teachers.







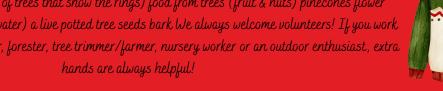


What You Can Do at Home:



Tree parts collection: variety of leaves evergreen sprigs or small boughs small limbs, branches, twigs tree "cookies" (cross sections of trees that show the rings) food from trees (fruit & nuts) pinecones flower clippings (may be kept in water) a live potted tree seeds bark We always welcome volunteers! If you work with trees or are a gardener, forester, tree trimmer/farmer, nursery worker or an outdoor enthusiast, extra

suggestions of other tree parts to bring to school.





Parents: Reminders check your child's backpack for important notes, dress your child according to the weather is getting pretty cold in the mornings, keep your child home if they show signs of illness, practice with your child to help them put on their own jackets and use the zipper, call the school if your child is not going to be in school for the day.

Nould like to thank Parent; Mariah Natseway for helping out in the Village Room, your awesome!















Greetings Families,

I just can't believe that November was gone in the blink of an eye. I do hope that everyone had a great month. There was Veterans where we celebrated all those individuals who served in the military and the Coast Guard. We thank all of you for your service and sacrifice.

We also took a week off for the glorious celebration of Thanksgiving. We explained to the children that this day is for all of us to be thankful for not just having a wonderful meal to eat. But for also having wonderful meals every day. We reminded the children that we should be thankful for our families and what they give us. We should be thankful for our friends for being kind to each other. So hopefully, everyone had a wonderful month of holidays and time spent with each other.

In our classroom, we also spent time learning about simple machines. It is a very interesting topic since we didn't realize all the simple machines we use every day. We explained that machines require energy to work. Some machines use electrical power or a battery. The machines we introduced used people power. We were the energy that the children used.

We also talked about the season of fall and what it brings. We have been looking at the trees and noticing the leaves falling. We talked a bit about the hunting season and why we harvest the animals.

With that, we would like to thank everyone for letting us be your children's teachers. Again, the weather is getting colder during the morning. So make sure your children are wearing the proper clothing and jackets. Also, as a reminder, we do send blankets and water bottles home every Friday to be cleaned. With that in mind, please make sure to check your children's backpacks and folders for notes and for books to read. We do appreciate all you do for your child and our school. On to December.

In the month of December and January, we will, obviously, be preparing for the Christmas Holidays. We will continue with our Simple Machines study through December with us picking up with the Pets study in January. As we move through these months, we will remind the children of all traditional activities that will be approaching. There are the traditional dances around the Christmas holiday and the New Year as we honor the newly elected village officials.

So we will be busy. I do hope that your holidays are festive and joyful. We look forward to being with families during this time. Please be safe and we will see you in the New Year.

Mr. Levantonio

Mrs. Pedro

Casa Blanca Classroom



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Creative Curriculum

For December, the children will finish with percussion <mark>instrument stud</mark>y until the middle of the month. In the <mark>midd</mark>le of Dec<mark>e</mark>mber, the children will start the light study. The children will learn that light is all around us and makes our lives brighter an<mark>d</mark> easier. The children will explore that natural and artificial light can be found in homes, workplaces, and classrooms; on toys, electronics, and appliances; and outdoors. The children will engage with light from a variety of sources and in many different ways, such as a lamp to read a book or a night-light to make them feel safe in the dark. The children will interact with light sources outdoors while using a crosswalk and in the classroom with toys and technology.

Culture Lifeways

In December, the children will identify musical instruments used in traditional songs and create their own instrument. The children will learn about the traditional foods used to feed the people during celebrations. The children will learn how to make Hi ya knee (blue corn mush) and taste it. In January, the children will learn about the leaders in their village and in the community, and their purpose.

Keres Vocabulary

DECEMBER

- *drum *rattle *bells
- *bread *chili *stew
- *tamales *meat *Indian tea
- *mama dolls *mutton *roasted corn
- *color of the month-green

Upcoming events:

DECEMBER

- ·12/5 Christmas Activity-Take-home activity
- ·12/11 Blue corn mush making
- ·12/17 Grape Trees-Nutrition Activity
- · 12/17 Sounds of our natural world-STEAM
- ·TBD PHS/EHS Door Decorating
- ·TBD Christmas programs PHS
- ·12/22 1/6 Winter Break

JANUARY

- *Governor *bread green chili stew
- *Village official *red chili stew
- *color of the month blue

JANUARY

- · 1/7 Children's first day back from break
- · 1/12 Name your official-Take-home activity
- · 1/28 Snowman Crackers-Nutrition Activity
- · 1/28 What is a habitat?-STEAM
- ·TBD Visitation of Officers

REMINDERS

- ·PLEASE check your child's bag/folders DAILY as notes or activities are sent home.
- ·PLEASE continue to read to your child for at least 15 minutes and log the time onto the reading log in your child's folder.

Parent Tips

When reading to your child,

- · point to the first word in the sentence
- ·explain we read from left to right
- ·clap out the syllables in words
- · point out the words that rhyme

<u>Birthday</u>

*No birthdays in December

*1/27 - Ms. Yvonne HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Achievements/Goals

We have 6 children who can spell their first and last names when asked to spell them. We have 8 children who know the first letter and at least half of the others. We have 4 children who know half of the letter sounds in the alphabet.

The children continue to write their names daily in their journal and are getting better; their letters are more recognizable. No more chicken scratches or backward letters.

Have a good winter break and see you all when you return.





Curriculum: Lights

Nutrition: Grape Trees STEAM: Sound of Our Natural World

Season Greetings

The month of November has swiftly come and gone. Our classroom learned about Percussions. What we and I learned is that we have children who are sensitive to sound. We did have a chance to play some percussion instruments such as a triangle, castanets, cymbals, tambourines and rattles. We engaged in a make and take hand drum. I hope the children had a chance to play their hand drum for you.

We expanded our vocabulary with couple of new words this month. One in particular was GRATEFUL. We touched on what it means to be grateful. The children made cards for our bus drivers and our kitchen staff. We were able to deliver them. Honestly, it made the children happy as well as the individuals who received the cards.

In December, we will explore LIGHT. How do we use light? What kinds of things does light shine through? What happens when we block light? As well as fun ways to use light. WE will discover what kinds of lights keep us safe. What kind of lights give use information? I think this will be a fun topic for the children as we use lights during holidays.

If you have any fun lights that you like to share, we will would appreciate to loan to use for our light study. Thank you in advance.

As we all look forward to the winter break, I would like the children to continue to practice writing their names or have some time using their writing tools whether it be drawing or coloring.

Lastly, have a wonderful and safe holiday season. See you all in 2026!

We will celebrate two birthdays in Seama classroom this month, Happy Birthday Bennett and Kaylieana!

Events that are happening in the month of November: 12/22- 1/8 NO SCHOOL Winter Break

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the teachers. c.deutsawe@lagunaed.net and r.victorino@lagunaed.net (505) 552-6544 extension 5112





Program Assistant

Greetings Families and Friends,

I trust you all had a pleasant month of November. I hope you enjoyed the blessings of the Thanksgiving Feasts that were prepared and the fellowship with family and friends.

I want to thank all our guests that attended the DEC Thanksgiving Lunch, your presence was astounding. I also want to thank the ladies from the administrative office for your assistance, it was greatly appreciated. Awesome job to our cooks for the nutritious meal enjoyed by all.

December is here and the holiday season is upon us. At DEC we look forward to all the holiday cheer that is spread across campus through the children. This year the Preschool classrooms will be having Christmas Programs as follows:

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - 10:00 am Village Classroom - 1:00 pm Casa Blanca Classroom

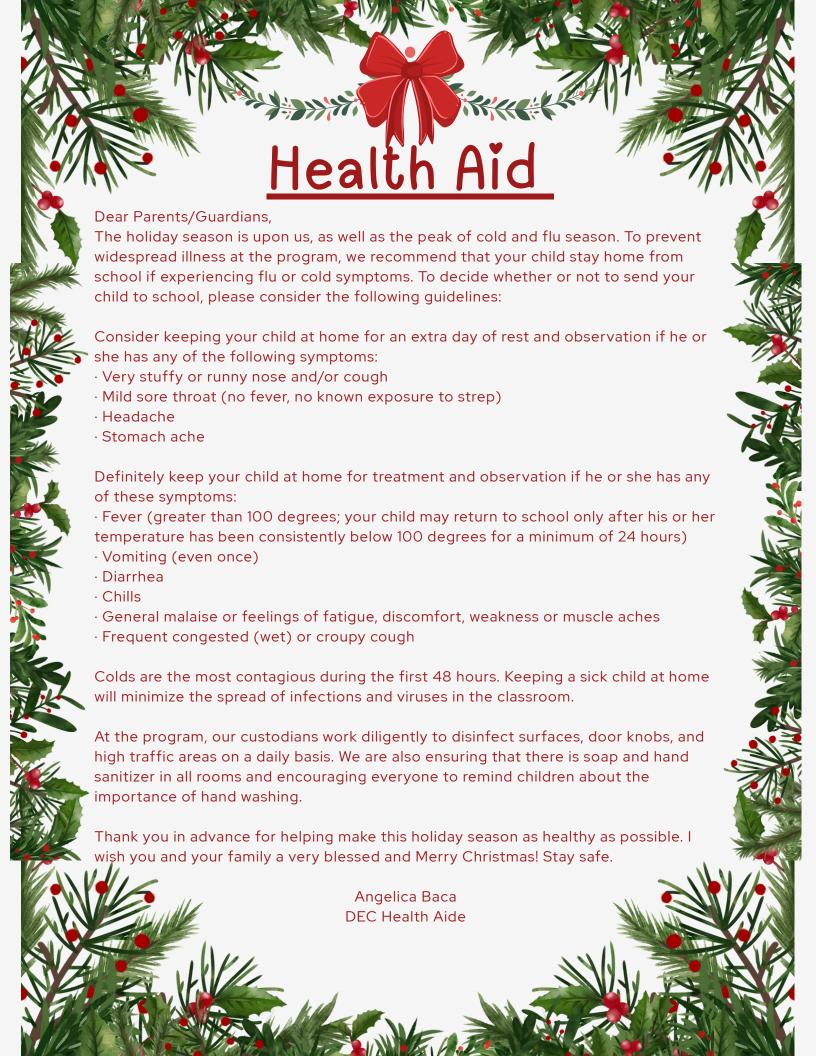
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 - 10:00 am Seama Classroom

Thursday, December 18, 2025 - 10:00 am Encinal Classroom - 1:00 pm Paguate Classroom

Our Winter Break begins on December 22, 2025 and will run through January 7, 2026. Children return to school on Thursday, January 8, 2026. All DEC programs will be closed during this time. I hope you enjoy the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

As always should you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at the office 505-552-6544 extension 5100

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Special education services for infants, toddlers and preschool-aged children offer numerous advantages, particularly in the early years when brain development is most rapid. These services are designed to address developmental delays or disabilities, provide early intervention and support children in reaching their full potential. Here are some key benefits:

- 1. **Early Identification of Needs-**the earlier a child receives help, the more likely they are to make significant progress.
- 2. Improved Outcomes with Early Intervention-Interventions provided in the preschool years can help children catch up to their peers before they enter formal schooling.
- 3. Special education services are personalized for the unique needs of each child. Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or Individualized family Service Plans (IFSPs) are designed to outline goals and strategies to help each child succeed.
- 4. **Social & Emotional Development-**these services can assist children to develop the social skills necessary to interact with peers and adults
- 5. **Building School Readiness -**by addressing developmental delay early, special education services help prepare children for the transition in kindergarten and beyond

Conclusion: Special education service for toddlers, and preschool-aged children provide critical support during a child's early years, when developmental changes and learning can have a lasting impact. Through early identification, individualized plans, and collaborative support for families, these services ensure that children with developmental delays, receive the help they need to thrive.

IF FAMILIES HAVE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING THEIR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT, PLEASE CONTACT CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE SUPPORT SERVICES COORDINTOR-Margaret Mascarenaz

TIPS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! STAY SAFE. See everyone in January 2026!















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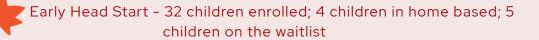




Season's Greetings to everyone. . .yup its already that time of the year again!

We only have 3 weeks of school left for this year. I would like to share some enrollment numbers with everyone:

Preschool Head Start - 62 children enrolled; 3 children who still need documents



/we will have a cople of children who will transition from Early Head Start to Preschool Head Start in the coming months, so I hope to keep Early Head Start classrooms full.

Classroom attendance for the month of November:

New York - 82% Paguate - 83% Sunnyside - 80% Seama - 82% Casa Blanca - 89% Village - 83%

New York classroom - 1 child had perfect attendance for November Sunnyside classroom - 2 children had perfect attendance for November Turquoise Springs classroom - 1 child had perfect attendance for the month of November

Casa Blanca classroom - 2 children had perfect attendance for November Encinal classroom - 2 children had perfect attendance for the month of November

Paguate classroom - 1 child had perfect attendance for November Seama classroom - 2 children had perfect attendance for November Village classroom - 1 child had perfect attendance for November

YAY and a BIG THANK YOU to parents who send your children to school every day.

Everyone have a very Happy Holiday break and we will see you all in the new vear.























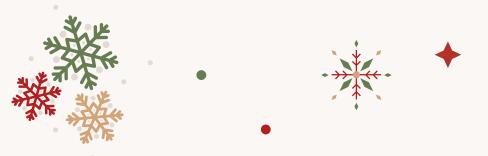












DEC - Desette



Hello Parents,

As we are quickly moving into December, I want to thank all of you that participated in the Thanksgiving dinner that was prepared for the students. The level of involvement is incredible and hopefully we can grow this program.

One of the things that I would like to know is, if we provided training for parents and provided childcare would you all be interested in attending.

Please know that I have an open door policy and I want to learn and grow this program. All of our children need to be happy, healthy and prepared for Kindergarten.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and we will see you all in December.

Sincerely, Dr. Carla Spaniel







FAMILY SERVICE

PROVIDERS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



STORY TIME

Kids love to hear stories! taking time to create your own story, using imagination and creativity.

BAKING TOGETHER

Tis the season, for baking yummy treats! allow your child to help make their own creations. This will help build self confidence and make them proud!

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Kids get so EXCITED about the thought of Christmas! Whatever random boxes you have laying around give your child some extra wrapping paper, scissors and tape. Allow them to wrap and unwrap empty boxes. This will help with fine motor skills as well as keeping them engaged.





Information

Take Home Activity will be sent out on Dec. 05, 2025.

Please return In-Kind form by Dec. 17, 2025.

Christmas Break: Dec. 22- Jan. 08

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