



Diamond Street Newsletter

December
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WARBLERS: Hello Holidays and cold weather! As we approach this time of year, we will begin to discover snow and relationships during the holiday season. As these months go by, we will read books about the holiday season and go Christmas caroling with other friends in the center. After December celebrations, sensory activities will begin as we talk about the cold weather and reasons why we wear hats, coats, and mittens. We can't wait to begin this next season and share our experiences with you!

BLUEBIRDS: The bluebirds will be discussing the holiday season and celebrating Christmas. We will discuss getting Christmas trees, decorating and making our own, and the story of Jesus's birth. Closer to Christmas we will start the reindeer cam watch and also practice unwrapping presents and playing with bubble wrap. For the month of January we will talk about winter and winter animals. If we do get snow outside, please feel free to bring in their winter clothes to play in and we can change them afterwards; we're hoping to build our own snowman. In February we will talk about love and introduce colors and shapes. The children will make their own

valentines and pretend to be mailmen to deliver them. Have a wonderful holiday and please send in family pictures so we can discuss your holiday break.

ROBINS: The Robins have already started listening to Christmas music. We are very excited for the snow to come and, of course, Christmas. There will be a lot of fun things to do during this winter season. We will have spirit week leading up to Christmas break. When January comes, we will be learning about winter and the animals that like the cold. Whenever it snows we will explore it in the comfort of our room! January also brings the Super Bowl, which we will be talking about and rooting for both teams! Then February we will focus on love and what it means to love our friends and be kind to them. We will also continue to learn about a new letter each week and when we run out of letters, we will learn about shapes. We are so excited for this winter season to come and I hope you are, too.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Happy Holidays! We are looking forward to celebrating the different holidays in December. You will soon see the classroom changing from fall to Christmas to winter! We are excited to see how much snow we will get this

winter! Hopefully we can get a few days that we can go out and play in the snow! Snow and winter will take over the month of January. As we move into February we will be learning about love and friendship. Thank you to all the parents for all you do to help Diamond Street!

CARDINALS: In December we will talk about how we can be good friends towards one another and how we can give to others. We are also making our way through the alphabet, learning their sounds and words they start with. After the Holiday break we will talk about winter and snow, expanding on our earlier talks about animals that don't sleep in winter. We will do science experiments with ice and test our knowledge. In February we will look at shapes and hearts. We will also talk about the people in our lives that we love and how we show them we care about them. Have a great Holiday!

SWANS: In the preschool class, we are looking forward to some winter fun! We have learned all about shapes and numbers and will continue to have regular activities to reinforce what we have learned. We will continue our letter of the week, during which we look at the letter and how it is formed, talk

about and practice making the sound, and think of words that start with that sound. Then we try to write it! The children are all getting better at writing letters and controlling their markers. This fall we have covered the topics of Our School, All About Me, Apples, Pumpkins, Fire Safety, Leaves, Fall Weather, Shapes, Numbers and Thanksgiving. Whew! That's a lot of learning going on! We have been working hard on learning to get along with one another, working out our problems and cleaning up our toys. We learned many self-help skills, too, such as the jacket flip, washing our hands, throwing trash away and bathroom skills.

Remember, there are many special days in December, so be sure to refer to your calendar. Christmas break will be from Dec. 24th through Jan. 1st. We will see you on Jan. 2nd!!



ORIOLES:

During the month of December, the Orioles will be learning about and exploring different holidays. We will also have a week all about gingerbread stories. The children will paint scented gingerbread men. Also during the month, the children will get to paint with candy canes and learn about Christmas around the world. We will learn more about rhyming and patterns as well, and our letters are B and F this month.

EAGLES:

Over the next few months, the Eagles will be exploring themes related to the winter holidays, winter season, and hibernation. On Friday December 21, we will be watching a movie and making friendship fruit salad in the afternoon. Keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet to contribute some fruit to our salad. Please watch the center website, DSECC Facebook page, personal email, and text messages for information regarding school closings, early dismissals, and delays.

Diamond Street Happenings

Parent Café:

Come out and see Santa at the Parent Café from 6:15 to 7:15 on Thursday December 6th!

We have so much in store!

Parent Teacher Partnership:

We would love to meet with you!

**December 4th
6:30pm**

Toys for Tots

Join us in the 8th annual Free Toy and Book Exchange Located in the Big Room.

Drop off Times are 12/3 through 12/5.

Free Shopping Times are afternoon of 12/5 and all day 12/6 and 12/7.

