

December



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

MORRILTON



DECEMBER 2010



CUDDL

December is already here. My how the year has just flown by. Christmas is right around the corner. There are many great activities planned for the month of December. The themes for the month of December are snow, cold weather, and Christmas. We will be talking about Santa Claus, snow, Christmas trees, gloves, mittens and hats. The children in the Cuddly Room are growing like weeds. We have a couple new faces in the baby room. We would like to welcome Ja'dyn and Amanda and Lillyana. All the children are progressing well. Airianna is pulling up. Branton, Avery and Ja'dyn love to play ball. Parents thank you for sending your children every day. Parents if you would please send a coat, gloves or mittens and a hat each day for our gross motor time outside. Also, if you would put your child's name in their coats and clothes that would help prevent their stuff getting sent home with the wrong child. Thank you parents for coming to the parent meeting. Everyone have a great holiday season and a Merry Christmas.

BEES

December is all about Christmas. The children in room 2 are enjoying their Christmas tree. They'll be making ornaments for our tree and to take home to theirs. We are also reading the *Gingerbread Boy* and learning the names of all the animals and what sounds they make. We will be talking about Santa Claus and reindeers and learning a short version of the song *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*. Christmas is about giving and sharing also about families and being together. Our little ones are also learning about sharing and we thank you for sharing your children with us. We also want to welcome Jayden to room 2. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas

RAMBLIN

It is so cold already. It seems like just yesterday we were having water play, and now we're ready to hang tinsel on the Christmas tree. December is going to be dedicated to Christmas. We'll be talking about Santa, reindeer, Christmas tree, gingerbread men, etc. Anything about Christmas is going to be the topic. We will have a Christmas party on December 17th. Be watching your child's cubby or back pack for a note about specific times.

This class is learning so much. I can't believe how grown up they are beginning to act! They are learning to sit in circle time, share, and ask for things they need.

I just wanted to remind you to make sure your child has warm clothes for outside time. It is always a good idea to label your child's belongings. Especially if he/she rides a van. When they come in without them on, we don't always know who they belong to.

Thanks to those of you who made it out to our parent meeting. I was glad to see room 5 represented!

RAINBOW

Winter is almost here. It already feels like it outside with the frigid temperatures. Christmas is also right around the corner. Jamie and Janie have a lot of fun activities for the month of December. The themes this month are Christmas, hats, mittens, reindeer and Santa Claus. Everyone in the Rainbow room is progressing well. Diamond loves to play in the dramatic play center. Aiden really enjoys the horses that were put in the center last week. Parents remember that we will be closed the week of Dec. 20-24. We will also be closed on Dec. 31. Parents thank you for sending your children every day. Parents if you would please send a coat, gloves or mittens and a hat each day for our gross motor time outside. Also, if you would put your child's name in their coats and clothes that would help prevent their stuff getting sent home with the wrong child. Thank you parents for coming to the parent meeting. Everyone have a great holiday season and a Merry Christmas.

GROWING

We are starting out the month of December with the book *The Gingerbread Boy*. We've been making our own *Gingerbread boy's* to take home and learning about what comes "next". A course December is all about Christmas, and Christmas traditions. We'll be talking about what we do to celebrate Christmas, Christmas Trees, Santa Claus, Reindeer and lights and how others celebrate Christmas. We'll be learning the song *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer* and other Christmas songs and reading *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Christmas is also about giving and sharing. Our Children are doing a great job at learning to share. I hope everyone has a great Christmas!

SUNSHINE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Wow! It's hard to believe that 2010 is coming to an end, and Christmas is just around the corner. The air is getting crisper and the kids have already put in their orders for Santa Claus. The month of December is going to be all about Christmas. We'll be talking about Santa, reindeer, gingerbread men, presents, etc. Anything Christmas is fair game.

I am so proud of this class. Since we started our new "token economy" they have all been working very hard to earn tickets and a chance to go shopping in our store. If you have any small toys that you would like to donate, we are always looking for items to reward our kids with. They all love the opportunity to bring home something new to play with. Our newest members, Mario and Madison have fit right in and have caught on to the routine.

Just a reminder: Please make sure your child is dressed warmly and has everything he/she needs for outside play during cold weather. We do go outside unless it is extremely cold!

Thanks to those of you who made it out to our parent meeting. I was glad to see room 6 represented!

Nurturing Idea for December

Cooing

Your baby's cooing may not sound like much right now, but he's actually talking to you, listening closely to what you say, and learning how to communicate.

Hold your baby close and make eye contact. Talk to him in gentle, loving tones. Imitate his sounds and facial expressions. Play sing-song games like "Pat-a-Cake", "Peek-a-Boo" and "The Itsy Bitsy Spider".

Your baby will let you know when he's ready to stop by looking away.



What is Project Nurture?

Project Nurture is KIDS FIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDS FIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing relationships.

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Ms. Diana 12/20

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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| Cesar L. | 12/8 |
| Cheque M. | 12/15 |
| Mitchell B. | 12/8 |
| Tylan E. | 12/18 |
| Lucas T. | 12/19 |
| Aiden C. | 12/28 |
| Branton L. | 12/19 |
| Logan P. | 12/19 |

Family Centered Care Surveys

Each year, we send out a survey to get your opinion on how things are going at KF. We want to know what you like and what you would like to see changed. It is our goal to continue to improve the program to better serve your child and your family. Your survey responses will strictly confidential, placed in a sealed box. We need our parent's input, so please return your survey in the envelope provided by December 31st. If you need assistance with the survey, or another copy, please call Andrea at 354-1170.

DON'T FORGET
We will be closed
December 20-24 for Christmas
and
December 31st for New Year's Day!

