

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2014

December has arrived (a short month!!) and our little "elves" will be busy this month making ornaments, projects, and gifts. They will also be concentrating on *Holidays, music, giving to others, comparisons, classifying, matching, and moving to rhythm*. Please mark your calendar with these important dates:

December 18—Holiday Program for AM Dengler, AM Clayton,

AM Smith, AM Hightman—singing program starts at

10:45 sharp!!

Afternoon Program—PM Clayton, PM Smith, Lusk,

Hightman—singing starts at 1:45 sharp!!

December 19—Holiday program for McGrath, Hanson, Lewis—

Starts at 10:45 sharp!!

December 23 thru Jan. 2 —Winter Break

January 14 & 15—Teddy Bear Breakfast

January 19 & 20—No School

Our holiday program consists of a singing performance by the students followed by a party. Please plan to attend this special event that the children have worked so hard on. We will also have a "special guest" arrive for a holiday visit. Get those cameras ready! Please look for the sign up sheets that your teacher will post.

Please note that ELF school will be closed on Tuesday, December 23 for the holidays. This is a professional day for the staff.

Thanks to all those who helped with our Thanksgiving feasts! The children looked festive with their necklaces, headbands, and vests! The tables were decorated nicely also. A big thanks to those who provided "adult" desserts! They were delicious and appreciated by all! Thank you to all those who donated to Germantown Help. We were able to deliver a large amount of food to the pantry.

Thank you for all of the toy and snack donations. The kids have really enjoyed the "slightly used" toys and they love sharing their snacks at birthday time! Thank You to those families who shared their Diwali traditions with their classmates. Beautiful traditional dresses, crafts, and customs were shared.

REGISTRATION forms will be handed out before winter break. It's hard to believe, but we need to prepare for next September already. If your child is returning in Sept. 2015, you may turn in the form after break. Limited space available for AM/PM Kindergarten Prep classes! Please check the guidelines for these classes. We have 14 spaces in the morning and 20 in the afternoon! We will open registration to the public February 6th. Please get your form in as soon as possible after winter break!

While shopping and socializing, try to take time to greet others, look at the festive lights, and sing and play with your children.

****Please review our inclement weather policy—same as MCPS****

****Don't forget labeled coats, hats, mittens****

*****HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!*****