



Announcements:

Please note the Daisy school will be closed for **Winter Break December 21 - January 1**. School will resume January 4, 2016.

December 18th: Please join us at 4 pm for a holiday book exchange and potluck! Bring a new, wrapped children's book to participate in the gift exchange. Preschool and Star Room classes will meet in Rainbow Room and TK will meet in the TK room. Sign up for potluck dishes on the sign-in binders.

Classroom News

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It's been a holiday-filled month in TK! We celebrated Hanukkah with potato pancakes and learned how to play dreidel games - thanks to Gabriel's family who helped make it spectacular! We have also been reading Mr Willoughby's Christmas tree and predicting outcomes. It's Ms Vickie's favorite holiday book! Ask your kids where the smallest tree ended up in the book. Sight words "the" and "and" have been popping up everywhere - the kids are working on being able to recognize the words by sight and sound. You can reinforce this learning at home when you read together with your children. Thanks to Anand's family for leading an ornament making craft and being busy elves getting other things ready! Jack's family put up curtains for us as well, and thanks to Nico and Chaz's families for the 3D construction game. We've been enjoying the red and green play dough from Veronica's family too! We have also been busy artists this month. Check out our new self portraits hanging in the classroom. We have also been building with cardboard - the structure near the door took so much thought, teamwork and hard work! Other books we have read include "The Doorbell Rang" which helped us think about fractions and dividing. We'd also like to welcome Nico to the TK world!

We look forward to having a wonderful Holiday potluck this Friday from 4:00-5:30 in the TK room. Please remember to bring your wrapped book gifts for the book exchange.



GALAXY ROOM NEWS

November was action packed in the Galaxy room! The Rangers learned about different types of birds including turkeys. The class engaged in team projects where they constructed a bird out of paper and feathers and worked on a Thankful tree which helped teach what it means to be thankful.

The kiddos enjoyed festive art projects that included hand print turkeys and Indian corn, scarecrows, cheerio alphabets and a Thanksgiving collage.

On the culinary scene, the Galaxy rangers learned about different types of squash and gourds and they even roasted zucchini and spaghetti squash for a snack. They are certainly prepared for the squash episode of Iron Chef! The class also had a chance to team up with the Cloud room to make vegetable soup – delicious!

In the lab, the class investigated the science behind hopping corn – an experiment where the gas released from a mix of vinegar and baking soda make corn kernels hop in a solution of water and yellow food coloring.

The Galaxy room celebrated Jaylen's third birthday earlier in the month and also joined the rest of the Daisy community for the Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch – thanks to everyone who helped!

Lastly, the Galaxy Room welcomes both Carmen and Ginger to the class! We all look forward to a fun winter / holiday season at Daisy!



RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

The winter holidays are almost upon us in Rainbow Room and our kids are hard at work on many holiday themed projects. They have made collage Snowmen, decorated Christmas trees with glitter, and will also be doing stars for Hannukah. They have been reading holiday themed books, and if you have any favorites to share please send them in with your kids.

We will be doing a few cooking projects as well, and would really love a parent volunteer to come in and help make latkes. If you know how to do that and want to help, please speak with Ron.

Additionally, it would be wonderful to have parents come and share about any holiday traditions that you have, especially if someone could do a presentation about lighting the menorah.

The children have been working on singing some special holiday songs that they will share with us at the holiday party on Friday the 18th. We all hope to see you there!

And lastly, we are saying goodbye to Rory this week - his family is moving to Salem, OR and are leaving this Saturday! Rory's mom Sarah will bring in snacks to share at lunchtime this Friday, and a little party to celebrate and say goodbye. Wishing you the best of luck, Rory!



CLOUD ROOM NEWS


"You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!" Kids in Cloud room have been using all our senses and many different skills while looking at the story of the gingerbread man this month.

We have practiced telling the gingerbread story in many ways, and will act it out ourselves as well. We practiced measuring and following directions while baking gingerbread. We read Jan Brett's "Gingerbread Baby." And we practiced our math skills by graphing which of the gingerbread man's body parts were eaten, and by measuring our bodies in units of "gingerbread men."

Cloud room kids have an interesting sense of humor: did you know that the gingerbread man's body parts will reunite in the tummies of kids who eat them? And, ask your child what the gingerbread man's name is!

Getting into the spirit of the season, our kids have enjoyed making both Hannukah and Christmas crafts. Remember to give Ghada a 5 x 7 photo of your child!

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FIRST BITE CHART

Daisy	Head		
Milo	Head		
Makhai		Leg	
Maya	Head		
Taylor			(L) ARM
Eliana	Head		
Nora			(R) ARM
Archer	Head		





STAR ROOM NEWS

During the month of November, children worked on projects based on our monthly theme - Farm animals. We also talked about the different parts of the body during circle time. Star Room joined the Thanksgiving potluck party in the Rainbow Room and had a blast! We were unable to take their pictures because we were busy feeding them.



KINDERBOOST NEWS

There is lots of fun and learning going on in Kinderboost this month, focused on the upcoming

holidays of course. The kids worked on cutting straws into various lengths and gluing them to make menorahs. They will be decorating Christmas trees by counting out objects for each level of the tree, and have made some adorable reindeer out of those ever-useful toilet paper rolls. Up next: Santas!

A main theme for the month is gingerbread, and in addition to making their own gingerbread house out of paper bags, the Kinderboost kids have been reading several books about gingerbread men, and will even be working on a small play by each choosing a part from the Gingerbread Man book to act out.

They also continue to practice writing their letters and numbers, and are still working on the alphabet bulletin board inspired by Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, this time with crabs for the letter C.



