



News Letter

December 2018

Our Lady's Child Care Center

December is here and so are the holidays. We want to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a Happy and Healthy New Year! As it gets colder out please make sure that children have warm clothing for outside play; hats, jackets, boots, mittens and snow pants when applicable. **Please do not send children with gloves if they cannot put them on themselves.** It is nearly impossible to put gloves on a classroom full of children so we urge you to send mittens.

We are holding our annual pajama drive again this year until December 7th. Last year we collected 37 pairs of pajamas to benefit the children of Easthampton. Thank you in advance for your support in this cause.

Thank you all for making the November food drive such a success! We donated 3 large boxes of food to the Easthampton Community Center! The Community Center greatly appreciated each and every donation you made.

The Suzanne Plourde Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Sue and to recognize her contribution to helping establish the center. The scholarship is designed to help defer the cost of child care for families in need of financial assistance. The scholarship is partially funded by collecting bottles and cans. If you are interested in

contributing to the scholarship the center and the recipients would appreciate it. You can help by donating bottles and cans or by volunteering to sort the donations. Donations can be left (bagged) on the back porch at the rectory (the building across from the preschool building's front door). If you would like to volunteer to sort please let Perri know

For any parents that didn't receive the email update on Wednesday, November 28th please be advised that we believe the Charter email address may have compromised. This means that we have suspended the use of that email account, and we advise that you do not open any emails sent from that account. This issue temporarily effects our ability to email student account information to families; in the mean time we will rely on paper receipts in your' child's mailbox.

Blue Room – Beth and Angela

We want to wish all a very Happy Holiday Season. We hope it is all you want it to be. During the month we will be working on our walking, crawling, and sitting skills. We will also be working on reaching, grasping and self-feeding skills. We are also looking forward to introducing some snow play to the class; if Mother Nature cooperates (Which I'm sure she will). Please bring in appropriate outerwear for the day, we will continue to go outside as long as the weather permits it. Please label all belongings that come into the center, this will ensure all belongings will go home

with the right person. As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak with us. Have a Great month, and Happy Holidays.

Yellow Room – Jayna and Miranda

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

This month we will be working on Christmas for 2 weeks, snow, and warm winter clothes. The warm winter clothes week is a nice reminder to parents to bring in a change of clothes for the cold weather. Don't forget to bring in boots, snow pants, hats and mittens daily as we will be going outside.

Green Room – Ivette and Ally

December is here and it has brought with it a chill!! We don't like being cold but we do love to go out and play!

Please help keep us warm and send us in weather appropriate clothes; hats, jackets, mittens, boots and even snow pants. Speaking of cold we are starting our month talking about polar bears. We will talk about winter clothes the following week and how we stay warm without warm fur like polar bears have. Then we will keep it cool and talk about snow. The main event this month is Christmas and we will talk all about it. We will talk about our favorite things about Christmas, the people we celebrate with and family traditions. We wish all of families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Room 1- Jon

The School Age program is hosting its 6th annual charity fundraiser! This year we will again be raising funds to support the Easthampton Community Center.

Over the past 5 years we have raised over \$1,400 in charitable donations!

We will be making crafts to sell in conjunction with our raffle and silent auction. This is the season of giving, and this represents a tremendous opportunity to support Easthampton, and those most in need during the holiday season.

The more support we receive from you, our families the more support we can offer others.

Please see Jon or Tyler for raffle tickets, and be sure to check out our silent auction.

Room 2- Brittany and Casey

Wow this year has really flown by! We all have been having so much fun. To start the month off we will be learning about winter. We will talk about what fun things we can do during the winter, what weather changes we see and will be doing lots of messy art! Next we will learn about winter animals. We will have lots of fun exploring all different kinds of animals, what they eat and how they stay warm in the cold weather. This month we will also be learning about the celebration of baby Jesus and Christmas. There are many fun traditions to learn about with Christmas. Lastly, we will be ending the month by learning about the New Year and how it is celebrated around the world. Happy holidays!

Room 3- Cassie and Subnam

This year has gone by so quickly! Room 3 is very ecstatic to start learning about all the wonderful holidays we have in December. We will learning about Hanukah, Kwanza, and of course Christmas! We will of course be talking a lot about Santa, but we will also be learning about the true reason for the season. We will also be taking sometime this month to learn about hibernation, and where all the animals go in the winter time. We wish all of the families in our room a very Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Room 4–Jen and Nikki

We can't believe how fast November flew by. We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Room 4 is excited to welcome winter and to get ready for Christmas! We will be teaching the children the true meaning of Christmas along with some Santa fun. We will be talking about other holidays celebrated around the world. With the first official day of winter this month we will learn about winter weather. Happy Holidays

from all of us in Room 4; we are already looking forward to a new year.

Room 5- Tyler and Emma

Does anyone else feel like November flew by? We are very excited to begin making crafts for our 6th annual charity fundraiser! We spend this month talking about not only Christmas and Hanukah, but also about the act of giving. We are looking forward to starting 'Santa's workshop' and making a ton of crafts to sell! We are still looking for donations for our Inventions week! We are looking for things like: shoe boxes, egg cartons, tissue boxes, bubble wrap, or anything else we can build with that you're going to throw away anyway! Our family board is looking very empty! Please send in an up to date family photo. If you don't have time to print one out, feel free to send it to our email Room5schoolage@gmail.com and we can print it out for you!

I would like to thank our wonderful staff at Our Lady. Each staff member gives it their all. I greatly appreciate your hard work. Hope you all enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

To all our Families: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



From the Director's Corner:

We want to let the families know (particularly school age families) about some changes here at the center. Jon has accepted the Assistant Director position. He is excited for this opportunity. This news is bittersweet though because we will have to fill his school age classroom position. He will continue to be in the classroom while we look for a teacher to replace him.

If you pay your tuition with cash please be aware that you should pay Perri or Jon directly and receive a receipt at the time of payment. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons Jon may have to find someone to cover his classroom while he posts the payment and prints the receipt.

The end of the year is swiftly approaching. That brings us to tax season. I will print out yearly statements in January. Please do not lose them. I cannot reprint the statements without great difficulty.

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23		24 We Close at 2 pm  EES Winter Break		25 We are Closed  Merry Christmas		26 EES Winter Break		27 EES Winter Break		28 EES Winter Break		29								
30		31 We Close at 4pm 		<p>We close early for Christmas and New Year's Eve We are Closed for Christmas Day and New Year's Day For tickets or information about the School Age Holiday Fundraiser Raffle and Silent Auction please see Jon or Tyler in the Preschool building</p>																

Like to volunteer?

This month especially we would love your help.

- Do you play an instrument? Would you like to play Christmas carols for us?
- Do you know someone that might want to don a Santa costume and come for a visit?
- Would you like to teach us about Hanukkah?

Anything you do means everything to us