

Early Years Preschool Newsletter

December Important Dates

*Monday, December 2---Toy
Drive Starts*

*Friday, December 6---
Holiday Pajama Party*

*Friday, December 13---
Holiday Program/Pot-Luck
—10:00am-12:00pm—HALF
DAY SCHOOL*

*Friday, December 20---Toy
Drive Ends*

*Tuesday, December 24---
Christmas Holiday---NO
SCHOOL*

*Wednesday, December 25---
Christmas Holiday—NO
SCHOOL*

*Thursday, December 26---
Christmas Holiday—NO
SCHOOL*

*Tuesday, December 31st---
Half Day School—7am-1pm
New Years Eve*

Children's Playdate can Teach Positive Social Interaction

Playdates seem formal and not spontaneous. Because parents today are busy with work schedules, activities, classes and appointments, the likelihood is great that you'll be scheduling playdates for your children. When you do, make sure the date won't be when your child is tired or hungry or stressed from a day at child care, preschool, school, sports practice, piano or ballet.

Since children are eager for unstructured play opportunities with similar-age peers, they'll usually rise to the playdate occasion and make the most of the playtime allotted.

When arranging a playdate, keep the following in mind:

- 1.** With preschool-age children, keep the time short. Thirty minutes is plenty for some young children to play together. Others who've established a friendship and common play interests can do well up to two hours. As children get older, the playtime naturally extends to an entire afternoon.
- 2.** When a child is a guest at your house, stay in the vicinity of where the children are playing. It's not necessary to hover, but it is necessary to check on the children and be in earshot, making sure the tenor



Holiday Toy Drive

Early Years Preschool's 12th Annual Holiday Toy Drive is here. Please consider donating unwrapped new toys and warm clothing and dropping it in the Toy Drive box in Ms. Taz's office.

Your donation will benefit the Independent Living Center of Southern California (ILC). They work with persons with disabilities to exercise independence—professionally personally and creatively.

I will personally deliver all donated toys and clothes to the ILC center on Friday, December 13, 2019.

of the play is positive. It's unrealistic to think that the kids will go off and play so that you can get some work done or socialize with the other child's parent exclusively. Your job is to monitor the children, stepping in if trouble brews.

3. If you realize that interactions between your child and the other are not going well, have an activity ready that you can engage in with the children. Play a game, make cookies, pull out play dough or set up an art or science project. Always have a nutritious snack on hand for when children turn hungry.

4. Be sure to explain your house rules. Remind a child each time she comes over to play: No jumping on the sofa. No food in the living room. Running outside only.

5. No, or limited, screen time. It seems absurd to have a friend over only to play video games or watch TV. The purpose of the playdate is to play, interact, create, imagine and have fun together. To learn social skills, children need practice, which involves face-to-face, unstructured encounters.

6. As much as possible, let your child choose his playmate. With little children, parents are more involved; as children get older, the child is the one to choose. The playmate should be one with similar interests and activity level.

Even though you'll set up playdates for your children, try to allow them casual — and safe — play experiences within your neighborhood. Children benefit as they learn to manage the rough-and-tumble give-and-take of spontaneous playtimes with a variety of neighborhood children.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our annual Thanksgiving Feast. The children did a FANTASTIC job and they all looked so adorable!

We are currently preparing for our next BIG event...our HOLIDAY PROGRAM on December 13th. The children will be very busy for the next few weeks learning the songs for our program and making gifts and cards for our parents (shhh, it's a secret!) The children will also be learning about the holiday traditions of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Holiday Program.

THANK YOU!!

- To all the parents for helping us during the Thanksgiving feast.
- To all the parents for donating food for our Thanksgiving food drive.
- To all the parents for participating in the fundraising and also for donating money to the school.

CLASSROOM NEWS

The Curriculum for each month is based on two themes that will be focused on for two weeks each.

CAREBEARS CLASS—Ms. Sara

- * winter Wonderland
- * Holiday Spirit

BUSYBEES CLASS—Ms. Molly

- * Candyland
- * Winter Wonderland

DINOFOURS CLASS—Ms. Jackie

- * Day and Night
- * Winter Wonderland

Due to the busy Holiday Month--December Themes from all classes will continue in January.

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