



## **Dates to Remember:**

**Friday, Dec.21**-last day of school before Winter Break.

**Wednesday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**- School resumes.

### **Thank You To:**

**-Nate's family and Sadiq's family for the yummy birthday snacks.**

**-Emme's dad and Nate's mom for coming in to read a story.**

**Please send in all winter gear (snowpants, boots, jackey, hat, mittens/gloves) each day, now that the weather has taken a wintery turn. We try to get outside every day, unless the weather is dangerously cold or stormy.**

## **CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS**

Recently, we have been focusing our activities and group discussions on Families and Traditions. To make our Thanksgiving Turkey, the children decorated feathers depicting what they are thankful for, which we displayed on our bulletin board. The various ideas included brothers, sisters, moms, dads and grandparents, games and toys enjoyed at home and favorite meals.

We are planning to create a Holiday Quilt, and will be sending home a quilt square for your child to decorate with images of how your family celebrates during this holiday season. Each child will share the square and circle time, and then we will put the quilt together and display it in the classroom.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to come into the class to read a book, share a special skill or share a holiday tradition. It could be a favorite story, a craft or any activity that you would enjoy doing with the children. Please let us know if you are interested and we will set up a convenient time. Before pick-up (either 11:15am or 12:30pm) is a good time to read a story and free play (8:30am-9:45am) is a good time for crafts. If these times are not convenient, we can arrange our day to make time for your visit.

### **ACTIVITIES & SKILLS**

With the addition of a cash register and money, the Armadillos have thoroughly enjoyed buying and selling fruits and veggies at our classroom harvest stand. In other areas of the classroom, we have been exploring some of the crops we commonly find there. Many children worked hard to peel and chop apples to make applesauce which we then used as an ingredient to make an applesauce cake. Both treats were enjoyed during snack time.

At the sensory table, the children explored buckets of cranberries and dried corn on the cob. There they mixed, poured, sorted and squished while enjoying the varied textures, colors and shapes.

The dramatic play area has been transformed from farm stand to a home with a fully stocked kitchen, a few babies and a highchair. There the children have been caring for each other and the babies, making meals, planning birthday parties and reading bedtime stories.

### **FAVORITE STORIES & SONGS**

- [A Tree Can Be](#) by Judy Nayer
- [Nuts to You](#) by Lois Ehlert
- [Thanksgiving is For Giving Thanks](#) by Margaret Sutherland
- [Families](#) by Debbie Baily
- [Families are Different](#) by Nina Pelligrini