







December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Kinder Kicks Webby Dance Happy Birthday Colin	2
3 Happy Birthday Sophie	4 Piano Spanish	5 Music	6 Stretch & Grow Spanish Happy Birthday Louie	7 Music	8 Kinder Kicks Webby Dance	9
10	11 Piano Spanish	12 Music Holiday Show 7p  Happy Hanukkah	13 Stretch & Grow Spanish	14	15 Kinder Kicks Webby Dance	16
17	18 Piano Spanish Happy Birthday Emily	19 Music Happy Birthday Natalie, Sam, Imogen	20 Stretch & Grow Spanish	21 Happy Birthday Adrian	22 Happy Birthday Mrs. Susan (infants) No School Sycamore	23 Happy Birthday Ms. Amanda (prek)
24 	25 Happy Birthday Ryder  NO SCHOOL	26 No School Sycamore and Indian Hill	27 No School Sycamore and Indian Hill	28 Happy Birthday Jack No School Sycamore and Indian Hill	29 Pajama Day  No School Sycamore and Indian Hill	30
31 	1  NO SCHOOL					

REMINDERS:

HOLIDAY PROGRAM: Our annual holiday program will be Tuesday, December 12 at 7p at SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL. All children in Ms. Meagan, Mrs. Jean, Mrs. Abby, Ms. Jessica and Ms. Amy's classes will perform holiday songs. Our Webby Dancers will also perform. Please mark your calendars!! Show starts at 7p. Children should arrive at 6:45p!! YAY!!

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Spanish with Señorita Sarah: December 2017

Hola families! November's grammatical unit about Informal (*tú*) commands went very well! As it turns out, everyone seemed to understand the concept of commands already, haha. We really enjoyed using both positive and negative commands on each other and on various props and toys, and they are short, memorable phrases that were picked up in no time. I'm hoping to return to this topic eventually and work on other command forms as well. We are also immersed in Holiday Program Land, and we are so excited about sharing our Spanish song with you!

December is always a flurry of activity and holidays, so we will work on lighter themes for the month (mini-topics and winter/Christmas). It's also a fun time to read all of the bilingual holiday books!

Below are the main words/phrases we covered in November. Have a great *diciembre*!

Gracias,
Señorita Sarah

Informal Commands – Mandatos familiares

(Note: all of these commands use the "tú" form of "you" (opposed to "usted").
These would be used for family, friends, people on a first-name basis, etc.)

Talk! – ¡Habla! (AH-blah)	Stand up! – ¡Párate! (PAH-rah-tay)
Run! – ¡Corre! (KOH-rray)	Sit down! – ¡Siéntate! (see-EN-ta-tay)
Drink! – ¡Bebe! (BAY-bay)	Jump! – ¡Salta! (SAL-tah)
Eat! – ¡Come! (COH-may)	Sing! – ¡Canta! (CAHN-tah)
Write! – ¡Escribe! (es-KREE-bay)	Walk! – ¡Camina! (cah-MEE-nah)
Stop! – ¡Para! (PAH-rah) [note: there are other words/uses for stop in Spanish—alto, detener, dejar, etc.]	Listen! – ¡Escucha! (es-COO-cha)

Don't talk – No hables (no AH-blace)	Don't shout – No grites (no GREE-tayse)
Don't run – No corras (no KOH-rrahs)	Don't jump – No saltes (no SAHL-tayse)
Don't drink – No bebas (no BAY-bahs)	Don't sing – No cantes (no KAHN-tayse)
Don't eat – No comas (no KOH-mahs)	Don't walk – No camines (no kah-ME-nayse)
Don't write – No escribas (no es-KREE-bahs)	Don't worry – No te preocupes (no tay prayoh-KOO-payse)
Don't cry – No llores (no YOH-race)	



Menu Compliance for Two Weeks (Snacks)

Parents are required to provide all lunches. The Kinder Garden School will provide a morning snack (approximately 9a) and an afternoon snack (approximately 3p).

List of Possible Foods kept at school: milk, NutraGrain bars, Nilla Wafers, oyster crackers, oranges, grapes, bananas, apples, carrots, crackers, pretzels, oatmeal, cheesestick, cheese cubes, melon, berries and cereal

December 4-8, 2017

Snacks	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Milk, mandarin oranges	Milk, Life cereal
Tuesday	Milk, bananas	Milk, goldfish crackers
Wednesday	Milk, grapes	Milk, cheerios
Thursday	Milk, apples	Milk, graham crackers
Friday	Milk, raisins	Milk, Ritz crackers

December 11-15, 2017

Snacks	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Milk, pineapple	Milk, tortilla chips
Tuesday	Milk, bananas	Milk, pretzels
Wednesday	Milk, grapes	Milk, 'nilla wafers
Thursday	Milk, oranges	Milk, cheez its
Friday	Milk, applesauce	Milk, pita chips

December 18-22, 2017

Snacks	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Milk, mandarin oranges	Milk, pretzels
Tuesday	Milk, bananas	Milk, goldfish crackers
Wednesday	Milk, grapes	Milk, Life cereal
Thursday	Milk, apples	Milk, graham crackers
Friday	Milk, raisins	Milk, Ritz crackers

December 25-29, 2017

Snacks	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Milk, pineapple	Milk, tortilla chips
Tuesday	Milk, bananas	Milk, pretzels
Wednesday	Milk, grapes	Milk, 'nilla wafers
Thursday	Milk, oranges	Milk, cheez its
Friday	Milk, raisins	Milk, pita chips

Monthly Activity Plan

Classroom

Teacher

Month

Older Infants

Ms. Katie

December

Individual Activities

- Sensory bottles, sensory Bags→ LL,MD,SE,AL,CG
- Crafts→ Crayons, markers, paint doobers, finger paint, handprint, footprint, →SE,AL,MD,CG
- Story Time→LL
- Body parts→SE,AL,LL
- Sign Language→SE,AL,LL
- Letters of the month→AL

Group Activities

- Sign Language of the month: Snow, Book, Play, Go→SE,AL,LL
- Muscle Room: Tunnel, balls, parachute, cars, slide→SE,AL,MD,CG,LL
- Letters of the month: M, N, O→AL
- Color of the month: Green→ AL, LL
- Crafts→ SE,AL,MD,CG
- Music→ LL
- Body Parts: Mouth and Eyes→ SE,AL,LL
- Sensory bottles, Sensory Bags→ LL,MD,SE,AL,CG

Monthly Activity Plan

Classroom ^{Young} Teachers Ms Meagan Month December

Social-Emotional	Approaches toward Learning	Physical Well-being and Motor Development	Cognition and General Knowledge	Language and Literacy Development
<p>Group Activities</p> <p>Music with Ms Suzi - holiday songs</p> <p>Stories</p> <p>Little Tiger Picks Up Penguin says please Hippo says Excuse me Little Monkey Calms Down</p>	<p>Group Activities</p> <p>Sensory Bin - snow (hopefully)</p> <p>Fall/Winter Books</p>	<p>Group Activities</p> <p>Stretch & Grow</p> <p>Muscle Room</p> <p>- Parachute</p> <p>- Tunnels</p>	<p>Group Activities</p> <p>Circle time</p> <p>- Shapes</p> <p>- window drawing</p> <p>Chalkboard</p> <p>- L is for Leo, Lydia, Louie, Leopoldine</p>	<p>Group Activities</p> <p>Spanish with Senorita Sara</p> <p>Velcro Board</p> <p>holiday Themes, winter</p>
<p>Individual Activities</p> <p>People puppets</p> <p>Ladybug Mirror</p> <p>- happy, sad, silly faces</p>	<p>Individual Activities</p> <p>Puzzles</p> <p>- Pets, Animals, Transportation</p> <p>yellow Shelf</p>	<p>Individual Activities</p> <p>Puzzles</p> <p>Little People</p> <p>Cardboard blocks</p>	<p>Individual Activities</p> <p>Magnetic gears</p> <p>Books</p> <p>Color sensory bottles</p>	<p>Individual Activities</p> <p>Finding objects on rug</p> <p>Trucks & Buses</p>

Monthly Activity Plan

Classroom *Older Toddlers* Teacher *Mrs Jean* Month *December*

Individual Activities:

Choice time: Dramatic play, kitchen, cars, building center, book SE, MD

Alphabet: alphabet pegs, letter puzzles, alphabet puzzles, matching, BINGO, Initial consonants, sewing letters, letter boxes, Play Doh MD, LL

Numbers: Numeral and counting puzzles, number pegs, numeral matching, number sewing, Unifix cube towers MD, CG

Shapes: shape puzzles, shape sorters, shape magnets, design a shape, Design blocks MD, CG, AL

Colors: color matching, color sorting, mixing colors of paint, markers, crayons, pencil crayons MD, AL

Community Helpers: books, dress-ups, stores, puppets MD, CG

Letters: O, P, Q, R, S, LL

Numbers: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 CG
15, 16, 17, 18, 19

Shapes: circle, triangle, pentagon, hexagon, octagon, Trapezoid and parallelogram CG
Colors: red, green, yellow, white, brown LL

Code each activity SE, AL, MD, CG, LL

Group Activities

Calendar, weather AL, CG, SE

Circle time: songs, finger plays, marching, dancing, SE, AL, MD

Hand washing: taking turns MD, SE, CG

Snack time: SE, AL, MD, CG

Alphabet songs with letters and pictures LL

Counting dots, pictures, poster pictures, jumping on clouds on rug CG, MD

Shapes: shape people, review shapes, books AL, LL

Colors: color songs, cards, English and Spanish LL

Community helpers: posters and puppets, books AL, CG

Recess: outside, muscle room, dancing, marching MD, SE

Lunch: review foods SE, AL, MD

Art: making Christmas stockings, Christmas trees, Christmas ornaments, bells, angels, santas, reindeer, gifts MD, AL, LL, CG
Songs: "Tinkle Tinkle Snowman", "Snowman", "Deck the Halls", "Jolly Old St. Nicholas", "Up on the House top", "Rudolf", "Frosty", "Jingle Bells", "We Wish You a Merry Christmas", "12 Days of Christmas" LL, CG, MD

Monthly Activity Plan

Classroom Montessori B		Teacher Jessica	Month December
Social-Emotional	Approaches toward Learning	Physical Well-being and Motor Development	Cognition and General Knowledge
Group Activities	Group Activities	Group Activities	Group Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation for the Holiday Snow. - "The Way I Feel" - "Please Pass the..." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dreidel marble paint - Make latkes - Holiday size order - wrapping paper collage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - command cards - bake a cake game - Pass the bean bag - Foot Edition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dreidel game - Parts of a reindeer - First day of winter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - snowman emotions - Paper plate emotion masks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - roll and cover Christmas tree - Play doh with jewels - Sensational Christmas tree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - walk the line - christmas punching - felt stacking tree - playing candles in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December sight words - Holiday rhyming - beginning sounds - lower/upper case match
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual Activities

Monthly Activity Plan

Classroom: Montessori A

Teacher: Ann Suss

Month: December

Year: 2018

Individual Activities:

*GRATING: (3+4's) AL
 MIXING ASST COOKING IN EDL.
 SCOOPING AL, MD LL
 MEASURING MP
 WHIPPING MP
 BAG MD MINORA - STORY LL
 WRAP A PACKAGE MD, LL
 SORTING GUK - CG
 DECORATE A TREE
 CALENDAR WK - TRACE + COLOR LL
 100 CHAIN INTRO W 5'S
 BOB BOOK: 5'S - Easy Readers
 FOR 4'S
 SALT BOX TRACING / SAND LETTERS
 *COLLECTING ASST ART FOR SHOW

Group Activities:

PRACTICE HOLIDAY SONGS FOR PROGRAM - UNTIL PROGRAM LL
 *LARKS FOR DEC 12 MD
 GINGER BREAD BAKING LL
 (HOT CHOCOLATE?)
 HOLIDAY CARD MAKING
 100 CHAIN WITH 4+5'S
 FINISH CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR PARENTS
 INTRODUCTION TO BIRDS ON SCIENCE
 ST NICK'S DAY? / PREP / SHELF
 HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS
 SUGAR COOKIES - SMALL BATCHES
 RHYMING / STORIES
 K'S Gifts to B. Determined LL
 #Books: Volcano's: EARTH'S CRUST
 45 LAYOUT W LARGE GROUP + WORKERS
 MIDDLE SHORT VOWEL SOUNDS

EIGHT DAYS OF HANNUKKA
 LARKS, LARKES
 WE LOVE HANNUKKA
 Code each activity SE, AL, MD, CG, LL

FIRST CHRISTMAS: YOUNG SANTA vacation under
 POLAR EXPRESS: CHRISTMAS@Camelot. The Volcano
 COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS: MINERA LOUISE
 BIRD SERIES: DK RESEARCH: ASST HOLIDAY STORIES