



December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Spanish Happy Birthday Nicolette!	2 Happy Birthday Thomas!
3 Happy Birthday Jermaine!	4 Happy Birthday Aidan! Music	5 HOLIDAY PROGRAM 7P Lakota West HS Happy Birthday Andrew and Diana! Martial Arts Stretch & Grow	6 Music	7 Spanish Webby Dance **Scholastic Book Orders Due in time for Holidays**	8 Spanish	9 Happy Birthday Danielle!
10	11	12 HANUKKAH BEGINS  Happy Birthday Samaya! Martial Arts Stretch & Grow	13 Happy Birthday Omkar and James! Spanish	14 Webby Dance	15 Spanish	16 Happy Birthday Nikita!
17 Happy Birthday Ellington!	18	19 Happy Birthday Leo! Martial Arts Stretch & Grow	20 Music	21 Happy Birthday Paulson and Ethan!	22 Pajama Day!!!	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25 	26 Martial Arts Stretch & Grow	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Addyson!	30/31  HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

REMINDERS:HOLIDAY PROGRAM: Our annual holiday program will be Wednesday, December 5 at 7p at LAKOTA WEST HIGH SCHOOL. All children in Ms. Darnisha, Ms. Rose, Ms. Roopa, Ms. Diana, Ms. Jenn, Ms. Katie, Ms. Megan and Ms. Karen'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!!

YOUNGER INFANTS: November review: In the month of November we worked on individual development. We also worked on more baby sign language. We worked on independence as well as playing and connecting with other classmates. December preview: In the month of December we plan to continue working on individual development. To interact with our classmates more to get us ready for transitioning, when it's your child's turn. Introduce some animals and sounds. We also want to focus on reading more books to expand those little minds.

OLDER INFANTS:

Week 1: Color - gold, Sign - milk, Art project - Christmas Ornament

Week 2: Color - green, Sign - eat, Art project - Mistletoes

Week 3: Color - Red, Sign - play, Art project - Santa Hand

Week 4: Color - White, Sign - thank you, Art project - Snowman

YOUNGER TODDLERS: Yes, we are thankful tots! If you are very quiet, every now and then, you may even hear a "please" or "thank you" from our tiny mouths. Although we have very few words to express how thankful we are, we show it every day. When we tear up as mom or dad is leaving, we show we are thankful for our family. When we reach for a caregiver for comfort, we show we are thankful for the emotional support of our relationships. When we fight for a toy in the middle of the morning, we show we are thankful for our opportunity to learn. When we comfort our friend after he's been hurt, which happens more than moms and dads would think, we show we are thankful for our friends. So look past the missing words and lack of language and remember the gestures. After all, Thanksgiving is about more than just saying "thank you" but rather living "thank you". Our toddlers remind us of this every day! Remember that your toddler is a direct reflection of your examples, so pat yourselves on the back. You are all doing an AMAZING job. Looking ahead to the month of December we are preparing ourselves for a whirlwind of activity. During this month, we will be singing more than usual as we rehearse for our upcoming Christmas program. So, if you hear your toddler singing about only getting socks for Christmas understand that he/she is just rehearsing! We may not always remember all of the words and gestures to the songs, but you just never know what performances the stage will inspire! Please come celebrate our cuteness with us! Please remember that the weather outside can be frightful, but...we will go outside every day. Providing the proper clothing is essential for your children to make the most of their experience outside. We recognize that even though it may take us twenty minutes to get everyone properly dressed to go out, the ten minutes in the fresh, crisp air will go a long way to help keep everyone healthy this winter! Please always remember that TINY HUMANS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION in our class, and although we may be loud, emotional, and often very messy...we are always learning about ourselves, others, and the world around us! Warm and Wonderful Holiday Wishes from our family to yours!

EARLY PRESCHOOL: I blinked and its Thanksgiving. The holiday season is upon us. We have been so busy learning and growing. We have been doing so well with our counting and letter recognition. We had lots of fun on our nature color walk identifying all the changes and colors we see outside. We said goodbye to some friends who transitioned on and we wish them the best of luck. We welcomed Grayson who is transitioning from the younger toddlers. He is so eager to learn and has already made new friends. December we will spend a lot of time exploring our creative side. We will have open ended art projects to allow the children to use their imagination and test the boundaries. I want the children to find a way to use materials in a nontraditional way. For example we will make art with spices. A fun way to use all your senses. We will also focus on manners and kind words. Family gatherings can often be intimidating for a little one so we will practice some words that might be needed. No thank you and yes please for starters. I'm excited to announce our bubbly Nicolette (Coco) is turning 3! We have a lot to celebrate. Happy Holidays!

TRADITIONAL PRESCHOOL: Learning about our communities, cities, our state - Ohio, and how 50 different states make our country, kept our preschoolers busy all November. Many thanksgiving stories gave us an insight into the lives of children around the world. In social studies, we looked at various types of maps to understand their uses. In reading, we used phonemes to read sight words and make rhyming words. Preschoolers continue to trace and practice alphabets, sight words, their first names, numbers and shapes. Making alphabet patterns, seating patterns at circle time, work and lunch time, has made learning patterns more fun. Thanksgiving celebrations gave November a mighty end! Ho! Ho! Ho! Here comes 'Merry December'! December is the busiest time of the year and with the whole world celebrating the season of Joy, 'Celebrations around the World' is our theme this month. Preschoolers will continue to explore many countries and continents learning their festivities and celebrations. In reading, we will focus on words of the season: snow, Christmas, Santa, etc., In math, we will continue to count in 10s and begin simple addition. We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and wishing one and all, Happy Holidays!

MONTESSORI 1: Montessori 1 had a successful November. We worked on tracing, letter sounds, and used the golden bead material. We also had a month filled with Social Studies, learning about North America and The First Thanksgiving. This December we plan to work with the movable alphabet, write free hand, and do some linear counting. In Science we will be learning about trees and in Social Studies we will be exploring Europe. Looking forward to a festive and productive December.

MONTESSORI 2: The children have had another busy month. We celebrated Thanksgiving and what that means to us. The children are thankful for their parents! Some also mentioned being thankful for grandparents, their houses, toys, friends and school. We made an assortment of Thanksgiving cards, turkey art and a parts of the turkey book. We have learned about the Pilgrims and Native Americans of North America and how our country was settled. In the geography area, we have been busy learning about the amphibians, birds, fish, mammals and reptiles that live in North America. We do this with animal matching cards. Some of the students can also match the word labels to the pictures and read the sentence cards. Our favorite animals are the spring peeper, a chorus frog, the hummingbird, the red-tailed hawk, the white-tailed deer (who many say they have really seen) and the Gila monster, a pink and black lizard. We have learned how some animals are nocturnal and awake at night. Others are diurnal and awake during the day. We have talked about our country of the United States of America and its first people, the Native Americans. We have also been making flags for the USA. In the month of December, we will soon say goodbye to our North American work and move on to the continent of Europe. We will study the animals that live there and make flags for some of the countries. We have put out holiday work in the art area. Students are busy working on greeting cards, cutting our Christmas trees, decorating them and making trees with the triangle from the metal insets. They continue to practice their writing work in their journals and with writing sheets. We continue to work on correct formation reminding them how to hold the pencil with a correct prehensile grip and trace the letters and numbers from top to bottom. Children continue with sound boxes and reading charts! The first reading series, the A series, is really picture reading. Some students key into the words but many do not. Its purpose is to teach them how to use the charts and get familiar with how to get out their reader. Once they move onto the B series, they are sounding out words. We emphasize the sound the letters make, not their name.

KGSA: I would like to start off by saying thank you to everyone for all of your support with our play. The students did an awesome job and rocked the performance! Throughout November we learned about the voyage and the hardships both the Pilgrims and Native Americans faced. We continued working with fact families both addition and subtraction in the K1 room and 2nd/3rd have continued with multiplication and 100's chart. All grades took time to write what they were thankful for and created their own storybook to share with their family. Looking forward to December, our academy will focus different cultural celebrations that happen during December. We will tie them in to all content areas such as making traditional dishes in science, symbols/decorations in social studies, treats with word problems in math, and poetry in ELA. Our students will also host their annual ornament sale with hopes to raise the remainder of the money needed to fund our class trip to COSI. Please make sure to keep an eye out for upcoming details in the next week. I hope enjoys their holiday season and we wish you all the best!!!