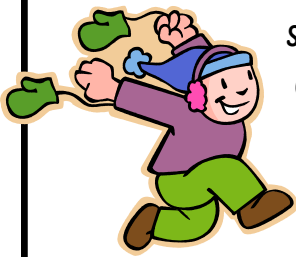


It is hard to believe that it is time to prepare for Christmas! We have had a busy few months together. The students are very comfortable with our classroom routines. It has been so rewarding to observe the student growth over these last few months! During the Advent season, our classes will be learning about the story of Christmas. Our Christmas Celebration will be a birthday party for Jesus! I hope that during the upcoming Advent season your family can find the time to talk about Jesus and help the children prepare their hearts for Jesus!



We have had some personal clothing items go missing. I ask that you please ensure

that all clothing items your child brings to school are well labeled with their name! Boots and snow pants are especially tricky because so many look the same!

Remember that the children do go outside to the park on some days and should have appropriate clothing at school daily.

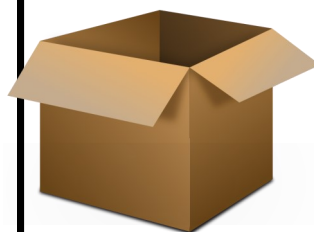
Thanks!

We have also been talking about healthy snacks! We will continue to reinforce this with our healthy snack program all year. Thank you with your support in sending nutritious snacks for your child!



During November we began a major project with our boxes! Our provocation was a wonderful story called "Not A Box"! In the book, the character kept pretending that his box was something other than a box. Using his imagination, the character creates so many fun things to play with!

We then read "If I Built a Car" by Chris Van Dusen and began to design our own cars! We planned the outside as well as the inside! Trying to follow our plans, we transformed our cardboard boxes into the cars we had planned! Each one is a special creation! Details have been added and some changes were made along the way! Even license plates went on! Each day we have been singing our car song, making car patterns and we even made car shaped cookies! Every child made a car book to practice reading! The finale was the Drive-in Movie Day!!!! We watched a movie in our cars, ate popcorn and had a fantastic time!





Our projects for December will be preparing for **Christmas**. We will be doing a daily lighting of the **Advent wreath** to help the children understand that Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for **Jesus' birth!** Our activities will include some Santa activities of course but mainly we will be working to help the students understand that Christmas is Jesus' birthday!

Some of our specific activities will be counting down the days until Christmas, making a Christmas pattern, writing to Santa, sorting, grouping into sets and quite a few days of discussing and preparing ourselves to become the "special lights" of Christmas! Our letters for December will be Cc, Dd and Jj. We are also going to have a kinder cooking day on December 16th to make candy cane cookies.



Gingerbread Houses

Students will decorate gingerbread houses on Friday December 6th and following some awesome photos, they will take their houses home! As the houses are rather delicate, I do advise that if at all possible, parents attempt to pick up their children for that date (Dec. 6)! (Especially for those students who take the bus home from school!)

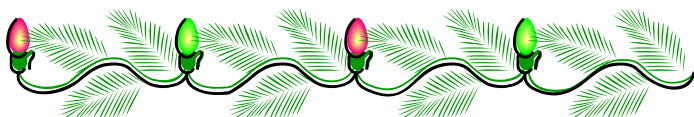
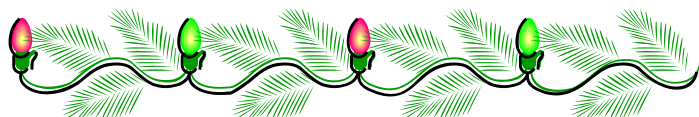
Reminder to parents that there is a charge of \$7.00 to cover the cost of the materials for this project. Please make your payment on your powerschool account. Thank you!!



Christmas Party



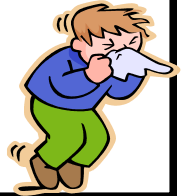
On Thursday, December 19th the kindergartens will have their **Christmas Pajama Party!** Students are invited to wear their pajamas to school. We will celebrate Jesus' birthday. Parents are welcome to attend! **Remember that this is a special day for our kindergarten students and that siblings should be left at home.** Friday, December 20th there are no classes for the kindergarten students. (The short Thursday is switched to the Friday for Christmas vacation!!)





The school newsletter is available each month on the school website at: <http://sisterannatabrockman.ecsd.net/> Go to the site, look for "NEWSLETTERS" and scroll down to "Kindergarten Newsletters". Hope this helps to keep you informed!

Cold and flu season is upon us and many students are just learning to cough and sneeze into their arms. Please try to spend some time practicing this with your child. If your child is ill, please keep them home to avoid spreading more illness to those in our Classroom. I know they hate to miss school but learning is difficult when you don't feel well. Thanks!



Christmas Concert!



Our Kindergarten Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00p.m. We are holding the concert in the Sister Annata Brockman School Gym this year. Our students have been asked to wear special Christmas clothing (Sunday best) for the concert evening. Students need to arrive at 5:30 p.m.

***Please send in 2 medium /large sized gift bags A.S.A.P for your child to help with our Christmas gift wrapping! Thank you!

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful Advent and Christmas Season with your families!

Love, Mrs. Harback,

Merry Christmas

