



CHESTERBROOK

BULLETIN BOARD

279 Egg Harbor Road Sewell, New Jersey 08080

DECEMBER 2017

Dear Chesterbrook Parents,

It's hard to believe that the holidays are here and that the end of 2017 is quickly approaching. We have had such a great school year so far and we are sure that it will continue well into 2018. The month of December is filled with a lot of holiday events and festivities so here are a few reminders...

•**State mandated flu vaccines for children 5 months to 5 years old are due by December 29th. If you have not already provided documentation, please do so. You can hand in all records to the front desk. Thank you!**

•This month our Pajama Giving Tree will continue from **last month and run through 12/8!** We are accepting donations of unwrapped children's pajamas, robes, slippers, etc. Items can be placed in the box by the front office. We will be donating these items to Robin's Nest and CHOP to be distributed to those less fortunate throughout the community.

•**Wednesday, December 13th,** our Pre-k and Kindergarten classes will be visiting the Pitman Theater and the Summit Senior Center to sing Christmas Carols. The bus will leave promptly at 9:30am so please have your child arrive by no later than 9:00am. Parent chaperones are not needed for this field trip, due to limited space of seats at the theater and on our bus.

•In honor of the 1st day of Winter we will have our annual Polar Express and Pajama Day on **Thursday, 12/21!** Children can wear their pajamas to school and enjoy the movie, Polar Express! We will also have our book Exchange, and classroom parties on this day as well. Party signup sheets will be posted on your child's classroom door. Since we are a peanut free school be sure to check the labels of food(s) that you send in.

We will be **closed on Monday, December 25th** for Christmas and also on **Monday, January 1st** for New Years Day.

•There will be a survey sent out to parents to indicate whether or not your child is attending the week between Christmas and New Years. If you would like to use your vacation credit for that week, please submit the request two weeks prior to the front office. Thank you!

Wishing you a happy and healthy Holiday Season...

Stacy, Thien, & Adriane



Infants

Wow! Christmas is just around the corner already. We had a beautiful Fall season this year. We have a busy month planned ahead. Some skills we will be covering this month will be: searches for the sound source; gestures to communicate; and strings together sounds and pulls self up to stand. We will be doing many activities using gross and fine motor skills, keep an eye out! Happy Holidays! ☺

Toddler A

Happy Holidays!! We have been so busy the months have just flown right by us! Red will be our color of the month and a star will be our shape for the month. Books will be used to strengthen their language and listening skills. Thank you for your continued support of daily and special activities, keep up the great work! We wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year from Toddler A!

Toddler B

Happy Holidays! The children will be very busy creating those special holiday gifts and decorations. Red is our color of the month. Some of the LTL skills for the month will be manipulating play-doh, exploring puzzles, and listening to a 5-minute story with pictures. Details for our Holiday Book Exchange and party will posted at a later date!

Beginner A

The holidays are upon us and we have a lot of celebrating to do in the Beginner A classroom. We will be discussing our family holiday traditions. In Math, we will be working on understanding the number concept of three. In Language and Literacy we will be working on using spatial vocabulary as well as covering many other skills. Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing in their cubbies. We look forward to the upcoming holiday season with you and your child!

Beginner B

The last month of the year is here! Beginner B is so excited for December as you can see! We have so much to share you can feel the love in the air! A birthday for Ramon and Colton! Our class is ready for non-stop celebrations. Jump on the Polar Express with us! Send your little ones in with pajamas and we will provide the rest! Dates to follow.** We have links to master, books to read, a holiday party to enjoy, and our favorite holiday music to dance to right into the New Year! We wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday. Please check our classroom door for our Holiday Party Sign up sheet. Thank you again for sharing your most precious gifts, these children are what bring us so much joy!

Intermediates

The Intermediates are flying through the school year. In the month of December, the children will be working hard on Language and Literacy, understanding simple sentence vocabulary, how to answer "how" questions and continue on name recognition and trying to write. The children will be creating a lot of holiday decorations to hang around home and school. Keep an eye out for what's going on in our room for this month!

Pre-K

Ready or not, the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season is upon us. The Pre-K class will be collecting coats during the month of December for the Boys and Girls Club to help make a difference this Holiday Season. We will also be going Christmas Caroling a local retirement home on 12/13 to spread some Holiday cheer! The Pre-k class will be learning the importance of giving back to our community and they will also be busy mastering the skill of identifying words vs. letters vs. numerals. We will also be introducing the first set of sight words. They will continue to recognize numerals 1-50, understand more/ less/ equal to, identify different coins, and so much more! We are so proud of all the progress the children are making!

Kindergarten

Happy Holidays! This month we are focusing on blending initial, medial, and final /j/, /n/, /b/, and /r/ sounds, reading text based comprehension such as sequence, realism and fantasy, compare and contrast, and plot, using objects, stories, and symbols to solve addition problems, learning weather and much more! We will also be celebrating Will's 5th birthday this month!

Calendar of Events



Friday, December 16th is the last day to hand in gifts for the Pajama Giving Tree



Thursday, December 21st Polar Express Pajama Day, Classroom Parties, and Book Exchange



Monday, December 25th Closed- Merry Christmas!



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29th -FLU SHOT RECORDS ARE DUE



Monday, January 2nd Closed for New Years Holiday

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Month: Miss Lexa

Miss Lexa started working at Chesterbrook in May of 2014. She left us for a bit to focus on school and came back to us in August of 2017. She has worked in every classroom so far but spends most of her time in our Infant Room. She truly enjoys working with children because she loves watching them grow and learn every day!

Lexa just recently earned her Bachelor's Degree in Radio/TV/Film and already has her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Gloucester County College. She is one of three siblings. Lexa's hobbies and interests outside of work include: exercise and spending time with her boyfriend and her family. We are so happy you came back with us Miss Lexa. We are so lucky to have you take care of our children, you are amazing. Thank you for all you do, we love you!

Don't forget to visit our website for the lunch menu, special event dates, reminders and so much more...

sewell.chesterbrookacademy.com

