

# Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

December 2022 Newsletter

*It's the holiday season!*

Happy December! As the weather grows colder and the holidays approach, there are so many \*cool\* things to look forward to this month, and we cannot wait to share it with you!



## *\* Upcoming Events \**

### *Scholastic Book Fair*

**WHEN**

Monday, Dec. 5th, 7am to Friday,  
Dec. 9th, 6pm

**WHERE**

Our School

**MORE INFORMATION**

Our biannual Book Fair will be located in our front lobby and will operate during normal school hours! Stop in and check out some cool new books!

## *\* Holiday Hours of Operation \**

As a friendly reminder, here is a list of our modified hours of operation this holiday season:

Friday, December 23rd:

**School Closes at 12PM**

*"Brunch" will be served at 11AM in substitute of Lunch*

Monday December 26th:

**School Closed All Day**

Friday, December 30th:

**School Closes at 3PM**

Monday, January 2nd:

**School Closed All Day**

*Happy New Year!*

## ❄️ *Classroom Happenings* ❄️

### **Infants, Young Todds & Todds:**

- *Chill and cheer*

Cos' it's that time of the year!!!❄️🧑‍🎄❄️❄️❄️❄️

Layers and caps, mittens and socks, are all we need to feel comfort and warmth to enjoy the winters to the tee.

Our tods will rock the season by making really cute and vibrant winter caps. They will also read "The Hat" by Jan Brett and dance to the song "The Winter Clothes"

Crumbly Cookies and Cuties!! 🍪🍪🍪

Our little munchkins will be indulging in some decadently designed-activities. They will be creating their sweetest and most

colourfully frosted sugar cookies to enjoy the holiday season. Also, they will read Llama Llama Holiday Drama" by Anna

Dewdney and sing the song "12 Days of Christmas"

It's Christmas time!!! 🧑‍🎄🎄🎄

Spreading cheer and joy, our little Santas will create their amazing Christmas trees. They will read "Clifford's First Christmas" by Norman Birdwell and cheerfully sing "5

Little Christmas Trees"

To promote cultural diversity, our tods will celebrate and learn all about the festival of 'Hanukkah'. They will create some colourful and beautiful art. Also, they will read "The Eight Nights of Hanukkah" by Judy Nayer and sing the "Dreidel Song"

### **Beginner 1:**

- In December with the official change in season and the weather will be focussing on learning experiences about Winter and the Holidays .

- Our theme for Week 1 is Winter Wonderland.

The outside temperature is going to be very cold but the activities around this time of year are always fun and exciting. This week we will talk about snow and snowflakes. Additionally, we will learn about the best things to do when it snows like building a snowman, little snow forts, making a snowball and snow angels.

- Our theme for Week 2 is Manners.

This week we will read "Thank you Mr Panda" and " Please Mr Panda " talk about manners. We will practice saying " Please " and "Thank you" along with taking turns and sharing with our friends.

- Our theme for Week 3 is Christmas and Hanukkah.

Hey! We are approaching the most wonderful time of the year, we will learn about holiday traditions and festivities. We will talk about Santa Claus, putting up our own Christmas Tree and the joy of giving gifts to our family and friends. We will also learn about the Hanukkah, Star of David and Menorah and make art work. We will also sing Hanukkah songs. Our favorite part is the lovely food and treats we get to enjoy during the holidays with our family.

- Our theme for Week 4 is New Year.

Finally! As we say Goodbye and are Thankful for this year 2022, we welcome the New Year 2023 with excitement and joy. Here, we will talk about the number of days, weeks and months in the year. Last but not the least, we will look back at all of the fun memories we have learned, experienced and accomplished in 2022.

### **Beginner 2:**

- nov 28th- friendship! we will be going over the importance of friendship, as well as what makes a great friend.
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- dec 5th- we are learning about all different holidays in the month of december. We ask that if there is a specific holiday your family celebrates that you let us know! We would love to teach the students about their friends' holiday! the first holiday we will be learning about is Hanukkah.
- dec 12- we will be learning about kwanza
- dec 19- we will be learning about Christmas!
- dec 26- we will learn about new years! we will introduce the new year! no more 2022!!

### **Intermediates:**

- This month we will be taking flight as we talk about the airport! We will look at real boarding passes and vacation brochures. During the month we will learn about jobs at the airport. As we pretend to be pilots - where would you like to fly with us? We will also create postcards from the places we have visited or we want to visit.
- Then using a map of the USA we will mark all the states we have traveled to as a class. Please let us know through Tadpoles which states you have visited with your child so we can mark it!
- We also will touch on all the upcoming holidays to be celebrated. Please if you have any special books that outline your own holiday customs, we would love to have your child share them with the class!
- We will also have a holiday party - look at the door for the sign up sheet around the middle of the month!

- Then finally we will start talking about the New Year - 2023! The children will create projects to go into the New Year!
- Items Needed this month:
  - Old boarding passes/tickets
  - Maps
  - Pictures from trips labeled with details about where the picture was taken
- Lastly, please update your spare clothing with winter weather-appropriate clothes in your child's cubby!
- Happy Holidays! Love, Ms. Jen and Ms. Kathleen

#### Pre-K & Pre-K 2:

- This month we are focusing on December-themed activities. We will be doing winter-themed science experiments like making our own slime, snow, and even ice cream! We also learned about different holidays around the world that occur in December.
- All Aboard! We will also be taking the Polar Express all the way to the North Pole! Maybe we will even see polar bears and icebergs!

## ❄️ *Reminders & Announcements* ❄️

### *A Winter Farewell...*

Our hearts are full of both pride and sadness as we announce that our beloved Infants teacher, **Ms. Debbie**, has accepted a new position in her field of study, and will be leaving Chesterbrook Academy this month. **Her last day with us will be December 9th.** Here is what Ms. Debbie would like to let parents know about her departure:

"Hello My Infant Parents,

I love all of your children and all of their different personalities. I love my nap time rebels, my table climbers, my rollers, my posers, my picky eaters, my belly laughers, my shy ones, my loud ones, and everything in between! I also appreciate you guys! You put so much faith in Ms. Smita and I by letting us watch over your little ones. I know that leaving your child for more than 6 hours everyday isn't easy at first but I'm glad that we could make that transition easy for you by giving updates, asking questions and sending pictures. I love the infant room and every principal can tell you that it is with a heavy heart that I sub in another classroom lol. Even though I adore the baby room, I regret to say that my time in it has come to an end. December 9th will be my last day as your infant teacher. I am getting my Master's in Therapy and an opportunity has presented itself to work in that field. I am going to miss you all and I will continue to give your child the best care until I leave.

Love, Ms. Debbie"

After Ms. Debbie's departure, the faces you will see most often in our Infants classroom will include Ms. Samidha, Ms. Kayla, and Mx. Hannah. As always, feel free to reach out with any

questions regarding this transition.

## *Teacher Stockings in Lobby*

And the stockings were hung... by the fish tank... with care! Teacher stockings will be in the lobby for the month of December for parents' to utilize if desired! Happy Holidays!

## *Little Caesars Fundraising Event*

**It's EASY Peasy AND EXTRA Cheesy!**

*Our Fundraiser is now online - Scan the QR Code Below!*



It's pizza time again! Chesterbrook Academy students are raising money to help offset education costs. We really need your help to reach our goal! We earn \$6 for every item sold, so your participation makes a big difference!

All Pizza Kit orders are shipped directly to your buyers via FedEx. OR, try to new Local Store Pick Up Family Meal Deal and receive a digital promo code redeemable on the Little Caesars app or website.

It's so easy to buy. Just scan the QR code or visit <https://smart.link/c3v2dsbs8yt1u>

**Our fundraiser ends December 16th, 2022.**

## *Thank You for Teacher Appreciation!*

We just wanted to take a quick moment to say **THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful families who have participated in our monthly Teacher Appreciation days! These days truly make a difference for your child's teachers, and serves as a wonderful mid-month pick-me-up for them. Thank you to everyone who has participated (whether or not you've signed up!) and who has demonstrated our teachers appreciation through words and actions - we are so lucky to have such wonderful families!

In lieu of the holidays, we will not hold a formal Appreciation Day in December!

## *Cars Off In Parking Lot*

We know, we've said it a million times! We understand that the weather is cold, but **please remember to turn your cars OFF while you are parked in our lot** and picking up your child for the safety of everyone entering and exiting the lot!

Thank you for your cooperation!

## *Soccer Shots Winter Sessions*

Our winter season of Soccer Shots will run from January 9, 2023 - February 27, 2023.

Link for session sign-ups to follow!

## *Weather Appropriate Cubby Clothes*

As the weather grows colder, please remember to **swap out your child's cubby clothes** at school for winter-appropriate attire!

## *Tuition Agreement Reminders*

With the holidays approaching, we wanted to provide you with some updated tuition reminders as per our Preschool Tuition Agreement:

- **Tuition Due/Late Charges:**

Tuition and fee payments are due no later than Mondays by end of day. A late payment fee of \$25 is assessed at noon on Tuesday. Returned checks/ACH are assessed a \$25 service charge. *There is a late pick-up fee of \$1 per minute after the scheduled pick up time (this applies to our Modified Hours of Operation as well).*

- **Early Withdrawal/Change of Schedule:**

**Withdrawal** from the School during the School Year requires **at least four weeks' advance written notice**. If Parents desire to enroll student again after withdrawal, space is not guaranteed. **Changes to a Student's attendance schedule** during the School Year is dependent on availability and requires **at least four week's advance written notice** to reduce the schedule and **two week's advance notice** to increase the schedule. Parents' tuition obligations continue through the notice period.

- **Holidays/In-Service Days:**

Tuition is continuous throughout the School Year (taking into account the days the School is closed). No credit will be given for holidays, professional in-service days, school closures, or Students' absences or illnesses.



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