



# Dreaming Tree Pre-Kindergarten



## Newsletter December 2016

### Curriculum:

We will begin a new unit - Machines! Planes, Trains, Cars and Gears. We will focus on how they move and how they help us to move. Exploring many science, mathematical, safety, social studies, and social-emotional elements.

The holiday excitement fills the air in Pre-K. December is a time to study and appreciate the many holiday traditions celebrated in our multicultural school. We launched the holiday celebration with our traditional Thanksgiving lunch, cooked and eaten by our children and staff. The different holidays of Christmas, Kwanzaa Hanukkah, and Eid Mubarak are marked in the classrooms with simple literature explaining the reasons why they are celebrated. Songs, poems, food and art projects help make the holidays fun and meaningful for the children.

As we approach winter the children are becoming more aware of their changing environment. Colder weather, shorter days and barren trees are signs that we are discussing to note that fall will soon be over and the new season of winter will begin.

Math skills also continue to grow as the children are counting throughout the day, beginning in the morning with attendance. They are learning 1:1 correspondence, number concepts, as well as number identification. They graphed their favorite apples and our hair color. Our author study for the month of December will be Mercer Mayer. We will meet the main character, Little Critter in many of his books.

A few friendly reminders -

- Σ Log in to <http://conted.mcgraw-hill.com/school/v3>
- Σ and work on the weekly math assignments with your child.
- Σ Reading logs are due every Monday. Please read to your child every night and log in the book title.
- Σ Don't forget to send in your child's homework/notes folder everyday.

### Mark Your Calendar

- Σ Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pre-K Staff Development (No School for students).
- Σ Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - Pre-K trip to the library
- Σ Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> -Pre-k Breakfast in classroom and Winter Performance immediately following in room 135
- Σ Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Pre-K Trip to the firehouse
- Σ Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. - Holiday Break - School Closed. Students return January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Have a wonderful Holiday Season!**