

# classroom news

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## A Peek at Our Weeks

December will be a short, but very exciting month! We will be busy working on special plans and projects, as well as continuing to focus on reading, writing and math. As we look forward to the holiday season, we wish you and your family a very happy holiday and a wonderful new year!

## Literacy

What exciting stories we will share this month! To mark the beginning of the winter season, we will be doing a unit study on the Gingerbread Man. This is a good example of great children's literature which will lead us as we continue to study letters and sounds. We will be using a variety of stories to learn about characters and how the characters are the "who" in the story.

## Important Dates

December 7 - Spirit Event at Chick-fil-A  
December 14 - Winter Party  
December 16 - Polar Express Day  
(pajama day)  
December 16 - 11:45 Dismissal  
(no after lunch and aftercare)  
December 19 - January 2 Winter Break  
January 3 - Classes Resume (Tuesday)

## The Polar Express

We are so excited about our upcoming Polar Express Activity! The Polar Express, written by Chris Van Allsburg is a classic holiday story about a little boy who awakens on Christmas Eve to find the Polar Express train waiting to take him to the North Pole. We will be reading the book and doing fun activities that go along with the story. We invite our class to come dressed in pajamas on Friday, December 16th, just like the story's main character, to begin their own magical journey!

## Math

This month we will continue our number study. We will work with the numbers 0-5 and revisit shapes, patterns, and counting throughout the month. We will also do special holiday math activities. Be sure to ask your child to share what they have been learning!

## Writing

The children are showing great progress with their fine motor skills! We will be making all kinds of fun crafts and decorations throughout the month which is a great way to reinforce fine motor skills used in writing.

## Sight Words

at, be, this, have, from,  
or, one, had, by & word