

# DECEMBER NEWS



## A NOTE FROM MS. BECKY & MS. MADDIE

What a wonderful time of year this is, and how special it is for us to share the joy and anticipation of the season with your children. We've finished the Units Blocks, Numbers, Thanksgiving theme, as well as the letters Nn & Bb. The children really enjoyed our Thanksgiving Feast, and had fun making our turkey hats and thinking about things and people we are thankful for. We are moving on to December and the children are so excited about the holidays. Our classroom has been very busy. We want to express our gratitude for your continued support in making this school year a success.

## OUR LEARNING FOCUS

This month we are starting off with the theme Systems and Simple Machines. I hope you've been hearing at home all about levers, inclined planes, pulleys, screws, wedges, and wheel & axle. We've been having lots of fun exploring this theme. We're also spotlighting the numbers 16, 17, 18, & 19, and the letters Oo, Ff, and Ll. In addition, we are constantly working on the many skills to prepare the children for Kindergarten.

December brings with it a sense of wonder and excitement in our classroom. We have planned a variety of engaging activities, from festive art projects to lessons that celebrate the cultural diversity of this special time of year. We will be learning about Chanukah, Christmas, and Kwanza. Jingles the Elf has come to visit our room from the North Pole, and the children are thrilled. We will have a week of Grinch and Gingerbread activities, as well as a day of Reindeer Games. We will also be celebrating the first day of winter. Please check Dojo messages daily for special added requests.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**December**

**11-15 Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**21- Class Holiday Party- wear your Pajamas**

**22- Last full day of classes**

**December 24- January 1 Winter Break**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

*\*See Dojo for added special dates.*

## CLASS REMINDERS

1. Please check your date and time for Parent-Teacher Conferences and let me know in advance if you are unable to make it so we can reschedule.
2. For nappers, please continue to send in a busy activity if your child does not nap.
3. Continue to send in gloves and hats as it gets colder outside.
4. Check Dojo next week for party sign up