

November 30, 2018

Dear Families,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving together. It's hard to believe that we only have two weeks until we are on break again for the holidays. The children are already very excited as many of you have begun to decorate your homes, cut down trees, and light candles for this special time of the year. Creating holiday rituals and traditions is a wonderful way to involve your child in this magical time of the year. Children can hang decorations and ornaments, frost cookies, lick envelopes, attach stamps, and even help wrap presents for loved ones. Tasks that sometimes seem arduous to us are fun for the little ones. Children gain great confidence when contributing to the family. At school, we will talk about many customs celebrated around the world. If you have a special book that your child would like to share with the class, we would love to add it to our book basket for all of the children to read and explore.

Thank you so much to Mr. Thumser for coming in to bake with the children this week. They made delicious orange ricotta cookies! We were so excited to add two new children to our class before break. Upon returning from break, the Hoover family moved to Ohio. We will truly miss Julianna, and wish her well on her new adventure.

New Songs We Sang:

Jingle Bells

I'm a Little Snowman (to the tune of I'm a Little Tea Pot)

I'm a Little Snowman, short and fat.
Here is my scarf and here is my hat.
When it's cold and snowy I will stay.
When it's hot I melt away!

New Books We Read:

That's Not My Snowman by Fiona Watt

Snack: tomatoes, cheese, yogurt tubes, cheezits, mango, pretzel slims, bananas, graham crackers, hard boiled eggs, grapes, fruit leather, snow peas, baby corn, bell peppers. Thank you to the **Lefkowitz Family** for bringing in snack, flowers, and wipes next week.

Mark your calendar:

December 14th Holidays Around the World

December 17th - 21st Winter Break Camp at MLMS

December 17th - January 2nd Winter Break - NO SCHOOL!