



PRESCHOOL NEWS



If You Take A Mouse To The Movies

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This is a story about an energetic little mouse (from If You Give A Mouse A Cookie), who is our host for holiday antics. In the story, one thing leads to another until you finally can't resist being in the holiday spirit. The mouse and his friend go to the movies, eat popcorn, make ornaments, sing Christmas carols, decorate a tree, and play in the snow.

Many literacy skills are incorporated into the story line of this book. These include utilizing pictorial clues, identifying repetitive language (phrases such as "if you", "when you", "he'll want" "he'll probably", "he'll ask", "then he'll" etc), understanding cause and effect and applying predicting skills. During this unit we'll set up a Movie Theater in the dramatic play area (a roped off area with rows of chairs, a ticket collectors desk, VCR with a short video) and will have the children buy tickets for the show and a cup of popcorn). We have made a game consisting of "Wh" question cards relating to the story (e.g., "Why does the mouse need a warm cozy blanket?" A. Because he is cold after building the snowman. "What are two things that are cold" A. Popsicle/ice cream/snowball etc.)

We will use plastic needles to string packing peanuts to "string popcorn" as the mouse does in the story. We'll make other Christmas tree decorations incorporating cutting/snipping skills, painting, gluing and using lots of glitter.

We'll build a fort using cardboard blocks covered with white paper and use small/medium/large styrofoam snowballs to try to knock it down in a mock snowball fight. To practice number recognition and matching number to quantity, we will be decorating trees with amounts of ornaments shown on a dice or manual spinner.

Odds & Ends

*Thank You to Divinci Pizza and Pizza Pub for their generous donations for our Little Red Hen Pizza story board.

Donations needed: Empty 1.5 oz raisin boxes

*Please return borrowed Little Red Hen books to the preschool!

Important Dates

- *12/9 early dismissal- staff PD- no PM class
- *12/23 early dismissal-no PM class
- *12/24- 1/2 Holiday Break- no school

concepts

Same/Different

Opposites: hot/cold, long/short

Small/Medium/Large

Number recognition & value

Classification skills will be ongoing as we sort items that are hot (e.g., iron, the sun, a kettle, soup, etc.) and those that are cold (e.g. yogurt, ice pack, watermelon, chocolate milk, etc.) Once again, the AM children will be constructing props to assist them in the retelling of the story. The PM children will be adding Q, H & P to their Alphabet Books and continue learning to write "circle letters" - a o c d q g e.

Vocabulary

Mouse- Movies- Ticket- Neighbor- Glue- Glitter- Paper- Christmas Tree- Popcorn- Ornaments- Radio- Carols- Carrot- Snowman Snowball- Snow fort- String- Hang-All together-Another



□ Must Be Santa □



Who's got a beard that's long and white?

Santa's got a beard that's long and white.

Who comes around on a special night?

Santa comes around on a special night?

Special night, beard that's white

Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus.

Who's got boots and a suit that's red?

Santa's got boots and a suit that's red.

Who wears a long cap on his head?

Santa wears a long cap on his head.

Cap on head, Suit that's red,

Special night, Beard that's white

Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus.

Who has a great big cherry nose?

Santa has a great big cherry nose.

Who laughs this way "Ho, Ho, Ho"?

Santa laughs this way "Ho, Ho, Ho".

Ho Ho Ho, Cherry nose,

Cap on head, Suit that's red,

Special night, Beard that's white

Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus.

Who very soon will come our way?

Santa very soon will come our way.

8 little reindeer pull his sleigh?

Reindeer sleigh, Come our way

Ho Ho Ho, Cherry nose,

Cap on head, Suit that's red,

Special night, Beard that's white

Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus.



Weekly Snack Rotation

<u>Judith's Class</u>	<u>Judi's Class</u>
11/28 Sapozhniker	Mei
12/5 Thomas	Recchia
12/12 Remeke	Rice
12/19 Czepiel	Roberts
1/3 Hinckley	Spallone
1/9 Benson	Spencer
1/16 Wyrebeck	Castellano

Our Thanks go out to our snack providers for November: The Lootsma, Gosman, Ingram, Maignon, Resnisky, Marchese, Sapozhniker and Mei Families.

Housekeeping

As the weather gets colder, we will be continuing to go outside everyday we can. PLEASE help us by labeling your child's clothing. Especially with hats and mittens /gloves, even initials in manufacture labels helps!

Another note... mittens are so much easier to put on than gloves, warmer too!

Our Newsletter is now available on the EES website

<http://www.region4schools.com>

Our next Book Is Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London

Have a wonderful, fun-filled, relaxing Holiday Break!!



