



# Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

December 2019

## News from the Directors- Mrs. Halley & Mrs. Johnson

In November we gave thanks! Classes finished up Fall units, made Veteran's Day cards, and celebrated Thanksgiving with an all-school feast. Thank you to Pastor Cindy for reading a story to our students.

Thank you to all our families that participated in our Dinner and Date Night fundraiser. The staff had a great time playing in the Big Room, making bird feeders, eating dinner, and sharing a story with your children.

In December we are looking forward to hearing about all the holiday traditions that your families celebrate. We will have holiday parties in the classrooms. Be sure to check the newsletter and classroom calendars for specific dates.

We will be collecting items for SUMC's Treasure Trunk through Dec. 20th. The following items are of greatest need: children size 5 through teen all clothing (gently used or new), socks, and underwear all sizes for children (must be new in a package to be distributed).

We really appreciate all those that have volunteered to clean toys. Clean toys make for a healthier school! Here's the link to sign-up:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a9ab2ca6f49-play1>

Outdoor class is looking for scraps of wrapping paper and ribbon to use over the next few weeks. Anyone that would like to contribute can drop off in the office.

## Important Dates

Dec. 2- School resumes  
Dec. 17- Holiday party for 2's  
Dec. 18- Holiday parties for Willow and Maple classes  
Dec. 19- Holiday parties for Pine, Oak, and Outdoor classes  
Dec. 20- Registration forms available for 2020-2021  
Dec. 23- Jan. 5- NO SCHOOL Winter Break  
Jan. 6- School Resumes  
Jan. 7- Registration starts for current Play and Prep families for 2020-21 School Year  
Jan. 14- Registration starts for new families for 2020-21

Below are some easy ways to support our school:

Check out our fundraising page at **Mabel's Labels** at [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com) and click on Support a Fundraiser then find Play and Prep Preschool in the school listing. Play and Prep will receive a percentage from your order.

### **Giant Eagle Apples for Students**

Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at [GiantEagle.com/AFTS](http://GiantEagle.com/AFTS) enter Play and Prep's School ID #5977.

### **Heinen's Tasteful Rewards School Program**

Register Play and Prep with your Tasteful Reward Card at [heinens.com/schools](http://heinens.com/schools), In-store at the Customer Service Desk, or call Customer Relations Department at 1-855-475-2300 ext. 2337. Past participants must **RE-SELECT** Play and Prep by logging in to their Tasteful Rewards profile.

## Oak- Mrs. Balog



Hard to believe we are in our final month of 2019! We will be keeping busy with exciting lessons for the month of December. Starting off, we will create our own gingerbread people. We also will be looking for gingerbread friends hiding in our classroom and retelling the story of the Gingerbread man. The last two weeks of December we will be exploring holidays around the world. We will learn how everyone celebrates their special holiday. We will be working very hard on our special gifts for our families. The children are also going to create a class Christmas tree! Thank you for a great first half of the school year!

### **Pine- Ms. Cline**



November flew by in the Pine classroom! We were inspired by William Wegman's humorous weimaraner illustrations as we practiced animal photography and made our own pets into humans. We worked hard as we wrote out the different things we are thankful for onto our turkey hats. We practiced measurement and teamwork as we baked delicious brownies, and we practiced our "Five Fat Turkeys" song, both of which we got to share with our friends at the thanksgiving feast. As we enter December, we will read many stories featuring our class tree, and we will work hard to create letters and gifts for our loved ones. We will also be practicing a poem and song to share with our families at our class holiday party on Thursday, December 19!

### **Maple- Mrs. Schofalvi**



We had a busy month learning about all the community helpers we are thankful for. We discussed what we want to be when we grow up, cooperatively constructed each other's names using various manipulatives from around our classroom, made triangle turkeys and created trail mix on an assembly line for our Thanksgiving Feast. We continue to graph our choices and favorites, work in our journals, played in the snowy garden and completed nursery rhyme projects. This month we will travel the world learning about the cultures and traditions of our classmates, craft gifts for our families and prepare a performance for our holiday party. Hope to see you all there!!!

### **Willow- Mrs. Pecherkiewicz**



November sure did pass us by in a hurry as we were busy learning about family, pets, and Thanksgiving! With the holidays fast approaching we will be exploring various holidays our classmates celebrate as well as learning about winter, holiday traditions, and gingerbread! Throughout our units of study we will be reviewing our colors, shapes, and numbers up to 10 while we continue to focus on the letters K, L, and U. We look forward to celebrating the holidays with our families on December 18th!

### **2's Class- Mrs. Pecherkiewicz**



What fun we had this month exploring our classroom vet clinic and building our stuffed pets homes out of blocks. We were busy practicing our turn taking and working together which will remain a focus during December. Our class also had the joy of creating different art projects and sharing their family photos which are now hanging on the bathroom door inside our classroom. We will explore winter and gingerbread for the month of December and enjoy a holiday party on December 17. Stay warm!

### **Messy Monday- Mrs. Juergemeier**



Messy Monday students really dug rocks! In fact, two of our classroom friends excavated an 18 # rock which is the showpiece of our newly created Rock Museum! After taking in a couple of weeks of geology, we learned about habitat and helped our animal friends as the days get colder and food is harder to find. Next month, we will be learning about everything from lichen to why we celebrate light in the winter.

### Outdoor Class- Mrs. Juergemeier



Outdoor Class friends learned some new facts about owls, black bears and wild turkeys during the month of November. We ended with a shared snack and story to celebrate Thanksgiving. In December, we will continue our local animal studies by learning a bit about deer along with their northern cousins the caribou or reindeer. We will be having fun with footprints and Jan Brett's story The Mitten. We will also be busy making a special gift to give to our family and end with a Winter Holiday Party on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

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### Lunch Bunch/Extended Day- Mrs. Cline and Mrs. Perlberg



Extended day friends had a busy November! We made a big thank you card for our Veterans to start the month, and then we created a collage turkey and "happy thanksgiving" sign to decorate the walls at our Thanksgiving Feast. We enjoyed yoga time and lots of outdoor play. Thank you for sending your children with their snow gear—they love spending time outside!

### Science- Mrs. Chapek



In Science this month, the students will be learning about dinosaurs. They will get to be a paleontologist and dig up a dinosaur that they will be able to take home.

### Woodshop - Mrs. Chapek



For Woodshop in December, the students will be working on a multi week family gift. I hope they can keep a secret and your family enjoys the surprise!

### Music- Mrs. Perlberg



In December, we will be using songs to tell some of our favorite winter stories! We will end the month with some snow music.



### **Creative Movement- Mrs. Johnson**

In November we played with balloons! Creative Movement feels like a party when there are balloons. We worked on our eye-hand coordination by “walking the dog” using a balloon and pool noodle. We also practiced our hitting and catching. We ended the month with some outside time playing “turkey tag”. In December we will play some team sports like basketball and ice hockey (using pool noodles and wearing socks). We will also have some gingerbread man races.

### **Healthy Habits**



Did you know that our school motto is Play and Prep Preschool- Where children prepare for academic success through play and helping others? It's our part of our mission to teach children to be kind and help others. This month our preschool is collecting items for the Solon United Methodist Church's Treasure Trunk which serves those in need in our community. Please consider taking your child to pick out some new socks for a child that would otherwise go without. Want to find other ways to nurture kindness and helpfulness in your children? Check out this article from parents.com.

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<https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/14-little-ways-to-encourage-kindness/>