

****Next week-Santa will be coming in for the Pre-K concert on Wed. Seeing he is already here he is also going to visit some other classes like ours. He will not be coming back on Thurs. If you were interested in having your child see Santa and your child is in the Tues/Thurs class they may come to the classroom on Wed around 10:00-10:15am to see Santa. However, a parent needs to be with the child at all times because we only have one teacher and she cannot have all of the Preschoolers by herself. Please let Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Schmitz know if you are planning to have your child come with you on Wed because we need to make sure Santa has enough candy canes for everyone and we know what kind of activities to have while waiting for Santa.**

****We celebrate Jesus' birthday with a cake. I am looking for help from one parent to make a cake from each class. It does not need to be anything fancy, just a cake. If you are able to help me out please let me know. Thanks.**

Mon-We started in the office for prayer. We led the prayer, pledge and danced with Mr. Arboleda in the office. We came back and read a few Christmas stories before making our wrapping paper for our parent's gift. They had some different choices of shapes and colors. They stamped them how they wanted to and used the shapes they wanted. We ate snack, did calendar and sharing. When we finished the gym was open to run and play. When we got back to the room we started playtime. During playtime, we cut out a reindeer head, glued him on a paper and added eyes and a nose. Afterward, I painted their hands and we added the antlers to the top. We also added some paint to our parent project. Lots of paint today! They found some tubes in the recycle box and remembered theirs were broken from the beginning of school, so some of them decided to make a new pair or two.

Tues-We started in the office for prayer. We led the prayer and pledge. We came back to the room to do a song. We read a few Christmas stories before making our wrapping paper for our parent's gift. They had some different choices of shapes and colors. They stamped them how they wanted to and used the shapes they wanted. We ate snack, did calendar and sharing. When we finished the gym was open to run and play. When we got back to the room we started playtime. During playtime, we cut out a reindeer head, glued him on a paper and added eyes and a nose. Afterward, Mrs. Schmitz painted their hands and we added the antlers to the top. We also added some paint to our parent project. Lots of paint today!

Wed-What a crazy day! We started with prayer in the office. We came back to the room to do a song. We read one story before going to the library. We had a couple of students who decided it was funny to take all of the shelf labels off the shelves and hide books in the step stools. I had them replace all of the labels and books before we left so it took us a little longer in the library. We finished the last pages of our Rules coloring book and put it in our cubbies to take home. We ate snack, did calendar and sharing and Mrs. Whiting came. Mrs. Whiting had a story about a boy who was playing a game with friends, but was cheating (or not following the rules). His friends were mad at him. We talked about why they would be mad. We also went through our pictures of rules again to remind them of the ones we would like them to use at school. We started playtime, but found out we were going to get our picture taken for Wines Around the World. So, we stopped what we were doing and went to the gym for pictures. They took group pictures. We came back to finish playing. During playtime, we worked on painting more of our parent's gift. We also cut out a reindeer head and sponge painted it. We traced hands on paper to be the antlers and we left them to finish later because it was time to leave!

Thurs- We started with prayer in the office. We led the prayer, pledge and danced with Mr. Arboleda in the office. We read one story before going to the library. When we got back to the room we met a new

friend, Alivia, who will be starting after Christmas. We finished the last pages of our Rules coloring book and put it in our cubbies to take home. We ate snack, did calendar and sharing and started playtime. During playtime, we worked on painting more of our parent's gift. We also cut out a reindeer head and sponge painted it. We traced hands on paper to be the antlers and we left them to finish later because Mrs. Whiting came. Mrs. Whiting had a story about a boy who was playing a game with friends, but was cheating (or not following the rules). His friends were mad at him. We talked about why they would be mad. We also went through our pictures of rules again to remind them of the ones we would like them to use at school. They were better listeners than they have been for Mrs. Whiting so she said her Christmas present to them was letting each of them take a turn holding DuSo before we went away for Christmas. We got a few more heads and antlers finished before it was done.

Fri-Today we did prayer in our room because the older students had church and do not do announcements. After calendar, we started playtime. We made chocolate pudding as a group so it could set for snack time. We worked on our reindeer from the previous day. Some were still cutting, some sponge painting, while others were ready to glue everything down and add a circle of glue for the nose. We added red glitter to make the nose sparkle. We also worked on getting some caught up on parent's gifts. We had a longer playtime waiting for everyone to get those things done. We made reindeer pudding for snack. We added some chocolate pudding to a small graham cracker pie crust, two pretzels for antlers, two Cheerios for eyes and one for the nose. We ended our day with extra decorations on our parent's gift. We did not get to use the gym because of Phy Ed and we did not have enough time to go outside so we did some calisthenics instead.

Thanks for the fast responses😊

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