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### **WE NEED:**

- by Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Christmas M&M's and chocolate chips.
- By Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, small candies for gingerbread houses
- By Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, small gingerbread cookies. 22 for Thursday and 17 for Friday

### **Week ELEVEN Themes:** Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, 2016

- COLOR: GREEN!!! Wear a lot!!!
- LETTER: "C", as in Cat, Count, Cut. This is for Pre-K.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Christmas, Jesus is born
- On Friday: Monica will make cookies with the children. Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree, rolled out cookies. She needs "Christmas M&M's, Christmas chocolate chips. Thanks for any help!!!

### **Week TWELVE Themes:** December 5-9, 2016

- COLOR: ALL CHRISTMAS COLORS. Have fun!!!
- LETTER: None this week.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Christmas, Jesus is born
- On Thursday & Friday, the children will get to decorate a gingerbread house. We will make the houses, but could use help with the small, colorful candy for them to stick onto the houses with the frosting. Also, if someone will send in small / medium gingerbread cookies, they can frost and eat one for snack these days. See sign-up on the counter. Thanks

### **Week THIRTEEN Themes:** December 12-16, 2016

- COLOR: ALL CHRISTMAS COLORS. Have fun!!!
- LETTER: None this week.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Christmas, Jesus is born
- On Wednesday & Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, We will have our Programs with the Christmas Story & Songs. On Wednesday at 11 we will have our dress rehearsal. Then at 6 PM at Play School, we will have our program. For the Thursday class our Program is at 11 AM.

Monday, December 19, 2016 \*\*\* We will have a "Happy Birthday Party" for Jesus. Stay tuned for details!!!

**\*\*\* NO SCHOOL \*\* December 20 all the way to January 8, 2017**

**Book Orders Due:** The Dec. order is due by Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, so we can get the books back in time for Christmas. Happy ordering. We get points to use on products when you order. **Tuition Due:** Always due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to avoid a late fee. Thanks, Kahleen

**New Class for 2.5 year olds:** Starting on Friday, January 13, Mrs. Ross will be teaching 2.5 and 3's. This is open for one day only, or you can enroll for 2 days which would be Wednesday and Friday. Children turning 2.5 anytime can start in this class as space allows. No discounts available for these classes. Maximum is 6 at this time.

**Miss Filey needs** 2 liter see through plastic soda bottles. Send is as you have them. Thanks

**Birthdays:** Here is the list dates of the first birthdays that I plan to give each child a crown, so that only one child (if possible) can be the birthday person each day. We are going to change the summer birthdays to ½ birthdays this year. Here are the names and dates for crowns coming up soon. **Gwyn - Dec. 2, Stevie - Dec. 6, Stella - Dec. 8, Ema - Dec. 9, Adalie - Dec. 13**. On MWF if you want Eliana and Evie to eat what you bring, call their mom's from the class list. Theo's Mom can be called from the TTh class list.

I have posted all these dates on the big calendar on the website, and if you do not find your child, please let me know (<http://mounthermon.org/playschool#calendar>). If the day that I picked is not good for you, please let me know and we can work out something else with a day that will work better for you. You may bring a treat to celebrate the birthday crown day. We suggest small, non gooey treats. Jello jigglers, pop corn, small cookies and cupcakes, small pieces of fruit, **rice crispy treats**, favorite veggie, etc. These are just some ideas. Remember that we are peanut free, but other nuts are fine.

**About FOOD ALLERGYIES:** At this point I have Eleana, Evie and Theo with food allergies. **If your child has a food allergy, please see Kahleen this week, so we can be sure our lists are up-to-date.** Please provide a birthday treat for your child to be kept at school for any celebrations, if they have a food allergy

**Volunteers at Play School:** Since the state has new requirements this year, anyone that wants to volunteer at Play School needs to see Kahleen to update the necessary information. All volunteers need: Proof of TB test, Measles & Pertussis vaccines, fill in 2 forms to be background checked, fill in a form in the volunteer binder for the state. The only parents that are all up to date are; Janelle, Stacy, Nicole and Susie, at this time (10-18-2016).

**Food to donate to Play School:** We use sun butter from Trader Joe's. Any sun butter will do. Thanks

**Helpful tips for success at school:** *(Especially important for our new Wed. only class!!!)*

1. BATHROOM: The children are trying to go to the bathroom on their own, but when there are snaps and zippers, or even really tight fitting elastic in the waste of the pants, it is impossible for them to complete this task alone.
2. SHOES: We allow shoes off upstairs during our pretend play time. Downstairs, we require that the shoes stay on downstairs, outside. Please try to have shoes that the child can take off and put on by themselves. Long shoe laces can get caught in the wheels of the trikes. Velcro and elastic can usually work, but we hope they can put them on by themselves. Thanks for your help and support.
3. Please do not send any food or drinks with your children to school, unless they are for allergies and then take them to the kitchen to be served at snack.
4. Please leave toys and blankets at home. They get lost at school.

**Special Prayer Meeting Offer:** On the first Monday of the month from 9-10am, Kim Chestnut will meet with any moms that would like to share and pray. We have the infant room available for this special time. You can bring your babies and toddlers, let them play and you can pray. It would be nice if Kim could know if anyone was interested and planned to attend. **Kim** <[jkchestnut@hotmail.com](mailto:jkchestnut@hotmail.com)>

Time with other mothers is valuable. Feel free to gather and visit, pray, and let the kids play any Monday. Use the room in the back, the infant room, bring your own snacks and remember to leave by the door by my office and do not go back and say good-bye to your children. Thanks!!!!

**Leaves:** As we slide into the Fall, keep an eye out for leaves that are falling off trees in big piles. We love to have big piles of leaves for the children to play in, so we are asking that you bag leaves and bring them to school. Since they will be rolling in the leaves, please do NOT include oak leaves or any other that have sharp pokies on them. Thanks so much!!! Thanks to Declan and his family for many bags of amazing leaves!

**Donate Your Used Children's Clothes:** We collect for a clothing ministry in Gilroy, so please drop off your used and not needed children's clothes at Play School. Thanks for the girl clothes that came in!

*Blessings to all, Faith Filey, Monica Zweers, Brigitte Ross, Kate Wadham, and Kahleen Edeal*

**\*\*\*We are looking for substitutes that have ECE units. Please check with Kahleen if you know anyone that may be interested. Best if they don't have any children in Play School right now. Thanks!!!**