



Demarest Co-op News

January 2017



A Message from the Director & Teachers

A big thank you to Andrea Gerstmayr for helping all of the children make their handprint ornament or candle for the holidays. Thanks also to Michelle Mandalakis, Lara Toomin and all of the other parents who helped with the holiday boutique and Snack with Santa. We are so lucky to have such amazing parents like you!

Winter is here so please remember to send your child to school each day with hats and mittens....NO GLOVES PLEASE!!!! That being said it's also Flu season. If your child runs a fever they may not return to school unless they are fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Please use good judgement when it comes to runny noses and coughs. Although we do the best job we can, germs are hard to prevent in preschool!

~ Miss Laurie, Miss Lisa & Miss Christine

Note from the President:

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and the days home with your family over the past week. January means it's time to start thinking about the 2017-2018 school year. Registration forms for current students will go home with your child this week so keep an eye out! Forms will be due back on Tuesday, January 17th before we open up registration to new students. If you know anyone interested in enrolling their child in any of our three classes, please have them contact me at:

demarestcoopnurseryschool@hotmail.com or
201-768-9519

and I would be happy to give them a tour and information about our amazing preschool! :)

- Christina

January 11th
Mrs. Wonderwhy visits
the 3s & 4s

January 16th
No School



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Miss Christine's 2s

December in the 2's class started off with the story of *The Gingerbread Man*. This is always so fun for the kids to learn and follow along adding their singing of, "Run, run as fast as you can! You can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man!" The repetition of this song gets the children engaged in the story and they love it. As always, the teachers get a little nervous the first time reading this story that there might be some sort of tears or fear at the end when the fox eats the cookie. However, as usual, the 2s think it's hysterical that the fox eats the cookie! We had gingerbread cookies at snack and pretended we were foxes munching the cookie. The children had a blast finger painting with gingerbread cookie mix and turned their painting into gingerbread men with their own face. They also made the puffy paint gingerbread men with sparkly, jeweled bellies!

Rudolph and *Frosty the Snowman* were other fun stories that we read. We had the stuffed singing characters to go along with the story that the kids loved and sang along with. Miss Lisa sang lots of Christmas and Hanukkah songs and it was fun shaking the bells and spinning the dreidels as we sang. We hope you enjoyed the holiday gifts the children made for you!

- Miss Christine, Miss Kim, Miss Maureen

Miss Lisa's 3s

We began the month continuing with our Apple Unit. As you saw in the pictures in your holiday cards, we counted how many apples tall we were with our friends. We made the dough for our holiday ornaments out of apple sauce and cinnamon. We had a lot of fun getting messy by digging our hands into the mixture and forming the dough. The whole school smelled of cinnamon!

For December, we learned about the letter D. We talked about words that begin with D such as December, dots, dog, duck and of course, dinosaur! Mrs. Wonderwhy came this month and taught us about weather. She showed us how tornados are formed, and we made weather windows with her.

We spent most of the month learning about different holidays. We talked about how some of our friends celebrate Christmas, some celebrate Hanukkah, and some celebrate Eid. These are all holidays where gifts are exchanged, though Eid is celebrated at a different time of the year. We did roller-ball painting on paper dreidels, Christmas trees and crescent moons which are all symbols of our holidays. The Elf on the Shelf and Mensch on the Bench came to visit and keep an eye on us to make sure that we were being good friends to one another. We had fun singing Hanukkah and Christmas songs, especially "The Reindeer Pokey" and "I Have a Little Dreidel". We hope you enjoyed all of the items your little ones worked so hard on this month.

- Miss Lisa, Miss Christine, Miss Maureen

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Miss Laurie's 4s

We started the month of December with a unit on transportation...a new word for many of us. We learned about many different types of land, air, rail and water vehicles. The funniest mode of transportation we talked about was our very own legs!

Next we had fun learning about the very special December holidays, Hanukkah and Christmas. We spoke about the special traditions that families follow for each of these special days. We made dreidels out of clay, pretended to light the 8 candles in the menorah and learned about gelt and latkes. The elf on the shelf joined our classroom for the Christmas season. Our elf was a girl and we named her Isabella. She brought lots of excitement to our classroom every morning and helped us to be extra good listeners. We made lots of fun decorations for both holidays, learned many new songs and made special gifts for our families. Two of our favorite songs were "Light the Candles" and "Up on the House Top". December was an extremely busy month for all of us and we will be looking forward to the New Year.

Thursdays in our room are extra special because Miss Lisa does special experiments with us. We love putting on our pretend science hats! Last week we made reindeer toothpaste...LOL.

- Miss Laurie, Miss Kim, Miss Beth, & Miss Lisa

SNOW DAYS

Please check your e-mail regularly to stay in the loop about snow days.

Delayed openings for extended day students only will start at 11:30am and run until 2pm.



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