



Dear Families,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at the Children's Center! Our multi and classroom bulletin boards look so festive with paintings of reindeer, snowflakes and stockings. Excitement is definitely in the air!

The children's friendships are continuing to blossom, and their confidence is soaring. We have enjoyed being able to continue many of the traditions and customs that help make the Children's Center so special. Like you, we are disappointed that we are not able to hold the holiday "Sings/Concerts" again this year. We hope to reinstate them as soon as the worries of the pandemic are behind us (fingers crossed).

We hope you are enjoying your child's class placemat . . . a keepsake that we hope will bring your child smiles and happy memories for years to come. The classes enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving with a "feast" of a special snack in their individual classrooms and learning about the pilgrims. Now that we are in December, classes are working hard on gifts to surprise mommy and daddy, and making ornaments to decorate our school Christmas tree.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in our annual PJ drive. We are so awed by your generosity and kindness. It is so wonderful that you take this opportunity to participate in a community outreach project as it is a perfect way to begin instilling a lifelong awareness about the importance of helping others. Thank you for helping us make some "holiday magic" for the children who receive support and services through the Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto.

We are pleased to announce that starting in January, our two-year-old students can begin to participate in our extended care and lunch programs. No advance registration is needed. You can let us know if you would like your child to stay for lunch and/or extended care at drop-off. Please remember to pack a peanut-free lunch for your child.

As a reminder, school will be closed from Thursday, December 16th and will resume on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

Thank you once again, for sharing your preschooler with us. We feel truly blessed to be able to be a part of your child's first school experience. We hope you have a safe, fun, family-filled holiday season.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

With kind regards,

Heidi Bliss & Denize Gray
Children's Center Directors

