



December 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Throughout November we continued exploring colors with painting, orange, yellow, and red.

Discover, Explore and Experience:

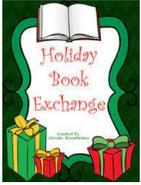
- Gross motor development: Painting/drawing at the easel, dancing with scarves and shakers, jumping, stretching. Shaky Shaky by the Wiggles; Shake Your Sillies Out by the Wiggles; Up and Down by Miss Nina
- Fine motor development: Stickers, crayons, glue, small blocks
- Sensory: Play dough
- Music: The Itsy-Bitsy Spider, The Teeny-Weeny Spider, The Great Big Spider; Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, Row Row Row Your Boat
- Cognitive development: Puzzles, colors, sorting, art
- Feathers: colors and sizes, how do they feel, does it tickle? Where do feathers come from, turkeys have feathers.
- Leaves: colors and shapes, how they fall from the trees
- Literacy: *Five Silly Turkeys* by Salina Yoon, *Sunny Day: Thanks for Each Day* by Steve Metzgar, *Kevin Discovers Autumn* by Liesbet Slegers
- Invitation to create: The children always have the opportunity to use crayons, plain paper, coloring pages and stickers.

The independence with the Little Lambs has grown. They are trying to: hang up coats, wash hands, get their snack from backpacks, open snacks, and put snacks away. The best part of snack time is that they are trying to say/sing our snack time prayer:

Heavenly Father
Heavenly Father
Once again
Once again
We ask for your blessing
We ask for your blessing
Amen
Amen

Our circle time has been fun with all the children participating. We have been dancing, reading and singing. They also request their favorite songs and movement activities.

Important dates that should be noted:



Book Exchange – Thursday, December 18; details are at the end of this parent letter



Christmas Break – Tuesday, December 23, 2024 – Friday, January 2, 2026

A friendly reminder to check your child's backpacks for important papers and if diapers/pullups or clothing need to be replenished. Also, please email me if your child will be absent. I do not receive any messages from the "big" school of reported absences.

Wishing you all blessings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



*Love,
Mrs. DeGasperi*



Holiday Book Exchange

On Thursday, December 18th, 2024, our class will have a holiday book exchange! Please send in one wrapped book with your child to exchange with a class friend. The book can be of your choosing; it does not have to be a holiday book. You may send the book in before the 18th.

Please put your child's name on a gift tag on the wrapping, so we make sure they do not pick their own book. If you would like, you may put your child's name in the book; From: _____.

The books will be placed in a pile on the floor and each child will randomly choose a wrapped book and they will be able to open it.

Any questions, please let me know.

Kindly,

Mrs. DeGasperis

