

**THE SUNBEAMS**  
**December 2009 & January 2010**

"Generosity displays a delight in giving others a sense of well-being and a moment of fun."

From Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly by Mae Carden

The entire Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten wish all of our families a wonderful holiday season, and a new year filled with God's blessings.

**Ray of Thanks**

Good food, good friends, and good conversation made for a wonderful celebration. The Pre-School feast was made more memorable by sharing their meal with a guest.

The Pre-Kindergarten and Jr. Kindergarten continued the Carden tradition of cooking the food and making the table decorations. After the children recited a prayer and exchanged gifts as "Pilgrims and Indians," they enjoyed serving and eating with their guest.

The Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, and Jr. Kindergarten classes would like to thank the parents for making their feast a very special time.

## Events

**Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: School Reconvenes**

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: CCPA General Meeting/CCPA Holiday Social.**

Everyone is invited. If you have not received your invitation please call the office.

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>: Book Fair - Barnes & Noble 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Mrs. Love and Mrs. Smith will continue their tradition of reading to the children at 10:30 am. Please come early for a good seat.

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>: Toys for the Children's Hospital.**

Please bring a new unwrapped toy or art supplies for the Children's Hospital.

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: "Gift of a Goat" Money Due**

Our hope is for the children to have a feeling of gratitude as they learn to give from their hearts.

**\*Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Assembly & Party.**

Our holiday assembly will start at 9:45 am in the school auditorium. The holiday parties will be held in the classrooms following assembly.

**11:30 am DISMISSAL; NO PLAY PROGRAM**

**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>: NO SCHOOL**

We extend our warmest blessing to all our school families this holiday season.

**December 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>: Little Cubs' Winter Camp**

Come join the fun with Miss David and Miss Land for holiday cheer. They have fun activities planned. You may pick up a Winter Camp flyer in the office.

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>: School Reconvenes**

Welcome back!!!

**Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**

No School

**\* Please note: Christmas Program is Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Little Cubs' Winter Camp**

Need a little extra time during the busy holiday season & want to keep your children busy? Winter Camp is packed with loads of fun. We will have lots of holiday cheer, crafts, and yummy snacks to fill your children's hearts with joy. Miss David and Miss Land can't wait to see your children's smiling faces at Winter Camp!

### **Heifer Project**

Please read the attached paper about the Heifer Project. This is the season for giving and we want to help the children to also enjoy giving. Please help them earn their \$3.00 by picking up their toys, setting the table, or by doing any family tasks at home. This is a wonderful project and we are blessed by giving to others who are less fortunate. Thank you.

### **Change of Clothes**

With the weather changing and the children growing, we need a new change of clothes for them.

Please send the clothing to you child's teacher as soon as possible.

## HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

For over half a century, HPI has provided livestock and training to more than four million families around the world. HPI has more than 300 projects in over 40 countries. They are a non-profit organization that helps hungry people feed themselves, earn income, and care for the environment.

The gift of a dairy goat in our school's name is a lasting, meaningful way for our children to help other little boys and girls on the other side of the world.

Goats can thrive in extreme climates and on poor, dry land by eating grass and leaves. Your gift of a dairy goat can supply a family with up to several quarts of nutritious milk a day - a ton of milk a year. Extra milk can be sold or used to make cheese, butter, or yogurt. Families use goat manure to fertilize gardens. And, because goats often have two or three kids a year, HPI partners can start small dairies that pay for food, health care, and education.

Our desire is for this project to be a meaningful experience for our children. To accomplish this, here is our suggestion: If each child in our Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, and Junior Kindergarten will earn the money by performing jobs around their home and with their family, we can purchase a much needed goat for a needy family.

They can earn the money by:

- Obeying parents
- Taking their plate to the sink
- Picking up toys
- Helping empty the dishwasher
- Picking up their clothes
- Feeding the pet
- Dressing self
- Any other creative ideas you might have

Enclosed you will find a form to be filled out stating what your child did to earn the money.