

THE SUNBEAMS
December 2011 & January 2012

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

Ray of Thanks

Thanks to the parents who helped make this year's Hip, Hop, Hooray such a great event!

The children had a wonderful time at Hip, Hop, Hooray as they moved during the freeze dance and maneuvered through the bike obstacle course. Special thanks go to Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Sabol for putting together medals and awards and for chairing our fund-raiser.

At Carden Conejo, we love our parents and can't thank you enough for all of your support and dedication to our school's events. 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.

Little Cubs' Winter Camp

December 19 - 23; December 26 - 30

Need a little extra time during the busy holiday season and 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, Miss Ramirez, and Mrs. Rosenberg 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 your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Events

Friday, December 2nd: Children's Hospital Toy Drive.

At morning drop-off on Friday, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, books, or art supplies for the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Friday, December 9th: CCPA Holiday Social.

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

Monday, December 12th: "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 16th: Holiday Assembly & Parties.

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 17th - Monday, January 2nd: NO SCHOOL

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

December 19th - 23rd and December 26th - 30th: Little Cubs' Winter Camp

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

Tuesday, January 3rd: School Reconvenes

Welcome back!!!

Tuesday, January 10th: Kindergarten Orientation 8:30 am

Monday, January 16th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

No School

January 23rd - 26th: Healthy Living Week

*** Please note: Christmas Program is Friday, December 16th**

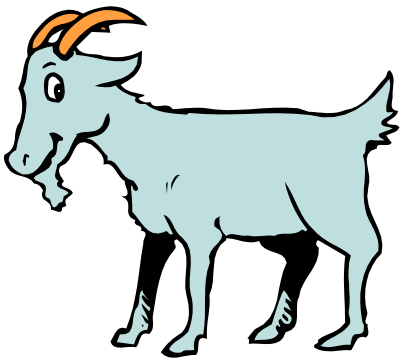
HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

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.



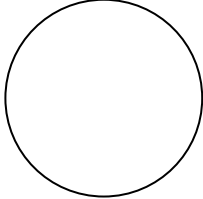
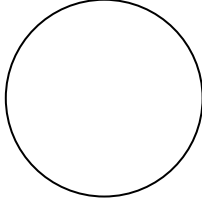
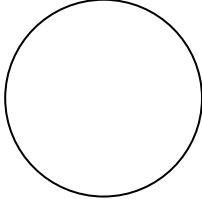
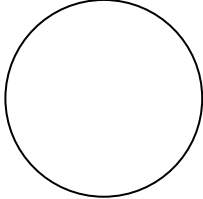
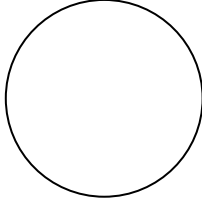
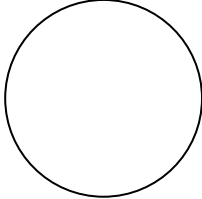
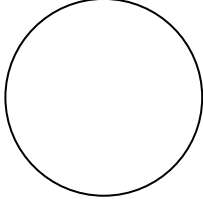
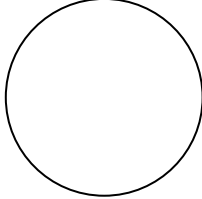
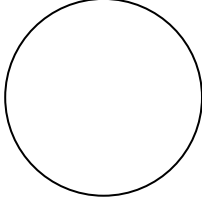
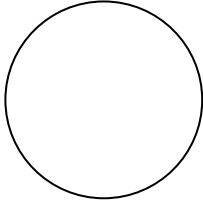
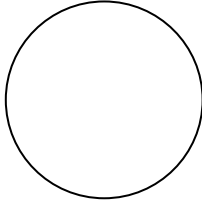
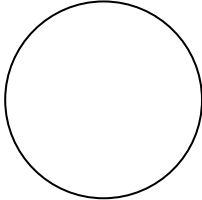
They can earn the money by:

- 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.

Gift of a Goat

Child's Name: _____

Job Done: 	Job Done: 	Job Done: 
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Please tape this chart where your child can see his/her progress each day.

Each job is worth 25 cents. When your child has completed the chart with the happy face stickers (stickers are in the red envelope), then please send the \$3.00 in the red envelope by Monday, December 12th.

With the help of each child we can purchase a goat for \$120.00, which will help a needy family to receive a holiday gift.