



DECEMBER

2020



TEACHER'S REPORT

December is the month to start discovering winter and our favorite time of year, Christmas! We have plenty of exciting learning experiences and fun activities to look forward to.

We will learn about seasonal celebrations that happen in many different cultures. We welcome you and your family to share any of your own family's special traditions or cultural celebrations with the children at the preschool if you would like. Please contact one of the teachers to discuss this opportunity if this is something you would be interested in doing.

Music is a big part of the season and for your child as they learn to use rhythm instruments and practice Christmas songs. As the month progresses our school and your homes may be decorated with a variety of Christmas creations.

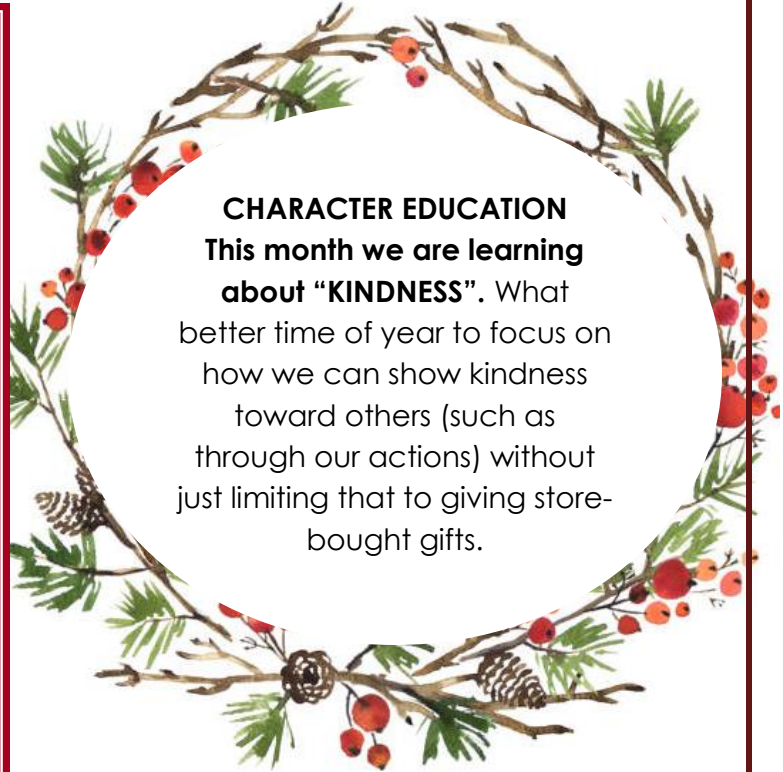
The children are doing well with matching, patterns, and sorting all kinds of activities.

Mat Man has come to life as the children are drawing him and dressing him in Christmas colors and even dressing him as Santa!

CHARACTER EDUCATION

This month we are learning about "KINDNESS".

What better time of year to focus on how we can show kindness toward others (such as through our actions) without just limiting that to giving store-bought gifts.



Check out Our Website

www.brookspreschool.com

Find us on Facebook to get all the up to date information and learn more about the Brooks Preschool.

If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year please feel free to contact Mrs. Bruce at the Preschool.

Email:

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403-362-4828



Raffle Tickets

Thank you for supporting the Brooks Preschool Raffle. If you haven't received your book of tickets to sell or you are in need of more tickets please contact the preschool office at 403-362-4828.

ALL sold ticket stubs and unsold tickets MUST be returned to the Preschool by no later than December 4th.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize: Hotel Stay Package (1 night stay at the Medicine Hat Lodge, Beefeater Restaurant gift card, and movie passes. Valued at \$250.00)

2nd Prize: Kids Bundle (Includes toys, movies, treats, Duffy's gift card, and more. Valued at \$150)

3rd Prize: Ladies Bundle (Studio Elle gift card, Hair Straightener. Valued at \$100)

**TICKETS
\$10 EACH
ONLY 250
PRINTED!**

PRIZE DRAW ON DEC. 11 AT 1:30 PM



SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to thank our parents and board of directors for all the work that they do for our preschool. We deeply appreciate the volunteer time you are spending to help our preschool run smoothly. We are also so thankful to have such a lovely group of families to work with! Please remember that we welcome your comments and questions anytime. We appreciate you all so much!

Thank you to Ines Zoric for talking to the kids about being a Nurse and hand washing during our weeks of Community Helpers and Occupations.

Thank you to the many parents that are bringing in snow pants, old jewelry and buttons for the children to explore and play with.

Special Thank you to Smith Trucking for donating the gravel for the sensory bags that went home with the children in celebration of National Day of the Child.

Thank you to Mr. Bolt and Brooks Bearina for the donation of salt to keep our sidewalks safe.



LITTLE REMINDERS

Parents please let teachers know of any changes in phone numbers, addresses or medical concerns. We need to keep information current.

During bad weather conditions, our school will be closed when temperatures drop to -35 degrees (excluding wind chill). Parents please listen to our local Radio Station for conformation. FM 101.1 or Q105.7

Doors at the preschool open at 8:30 and pick up times are 11:30/12:00 doors will remain locked until then. If you need to pick up your child earlier, please ring the doorbell.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Due to Covid restrictions we will not be hosting our regular Christmas parties this year. However there will be lots of fun activities for the children to take part of in the preschool and we have a special guest coming to decorate cookies with. (within our cohort) Videos of the children singing will be sent through our private Facebook pages for families to enjoy later.

SPECIAL DAYS

Dec. 1st, 2nd, & 4th
wear Red/Green

Dec. 8th, 9th & 11th Wear a
Fun Christmas Sweater

Dec 15,16, & 18th
Christmas Parties



BEST WISHES

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and safe holiday season. Enjoy the fun that comes from being together with your children, family, and friends during this holiday season.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Christmas break will begin December 18th, and will return in class starting January 11th.

Due to the new Covid restrictions, during the week of January 4th the teachers will be creating videos and fun activities for the children to learn and have fun in their own homes. Packages will be sent out prior to the break for that week of virtual learning.

"Education -- the
gift that lasts
forever"
- Author Unknown



THE MOST WONDERFUL GINGERBREAD COOKIES



INGREDIENTS

3	cups all-purpose flour	1 ½	teaspoons baking powder
¾	teaspoon baking soda	¼	teaspoon salt
1	tablespoon ground ginger	1 ¾	teaspoons ground cinnamon
¼	teaspoon ground cloves	6	tablespoons unsalted butter
¾	cup dark brown sugar	1	large egg
½	cup molasses	2	teaspoons vanilla
1	teaspoon finely grated lemon zest (optional)		

DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, and cloves until well blended.

In a large bowl (KitchenAid's great for this) beat butter, brown sugar, and egg on medium speed until well blended.

Add molasses, vanilla, and lemon zest and continue to mix until well blended. Gradually stir in dry ingredients until blended and smooth. Divide dough in half and wrap each half in plastic and let stand at room temperature for at least 2 hours or up to 8 hours. Preheat oven to 375 deg. Prepare baking sheets by lining with parchment paper. (Dough can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 4 days, but in this case it should be refrigerated. Return to room temp before using.) Preheat oven to 375°. Grease or line cookie sheets with parchment paper. Place 1 portion of the dough on a lightly floured surface. Sprinkle flour over dough and rolling pin. Roll dough to a scant 1/4-inch thick. Use additional flour to avoid sticking. Cut out cookies with desired cutter-- the ginger bread man is our favorite of course. Space cookies 1 1/2-inches apart. Bake 1 sheet at a time for 7-10 minutes (the lower time will give you softer cookies-- very good!). Remove cookie sheet from oven and allow the cookies to stand until the cookies are firm enough to move to a wire rack. After cookies are cool you may decorate them any way you like. I usually brush them with a powdered sugar glaze when I am in a hurry, but they look wonderful decorated with Royal icing.



Healthy Santa Hats

Ingredients

12 Strawberries

1 banana

1/4 Cup Cottage Cheese

Instructions

Take the top off a strawberry (ie the leaves) Slice a second slice from the top of the strawberry Slice a disc from a banana

Spread one side of the banana with cottage cheese (relatively thickly, as this will become the beard) Place the strawberry slice on the serving plate

Add the slice of the banana on top, cottage cheese side down

Take the gel icing pen and add 2 dots on the edge of the banana slice to look like eyes

Place the remaining part of the strawberry on top as the hat

Repeat for as many Santas you wish to make

Notes

I purchased a black gel icing pen to create the eyes You do not have to use cottage cheese, that is what I had to hand but the recipe will work with anything white and creamy in texture, Ricotta, Cream Cheese, Coconut Yoghurt



BROOKS PRESCHOOL - DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		Signs of Christmas (Wear Red/green)	Signs of Christmas (Wear Red/green)		Signs of Christmas (Wear Red/green)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Christmas Kindness Traditions	Christmas Traditions (Wear a Christmas Sweater)	Christmas Kindness Traditions (Wear a Christmas Sweater)		Christmas Kindness Traditions (Wear a Christmas Sweater)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Christmas Kindness Traditions	Christmas Party	Christmas Party		Christmas Party	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	No School Christmas Break	No School Christmas Break	No School Christmas Break	No School Christmas Break	No School Christmas Break	No School Christmas Break
27	28	29	Wishing you all a wonderful holiday. In School Classes resume the week of January 11 th			
	No School Christmas Break	No School Christmas Break				

