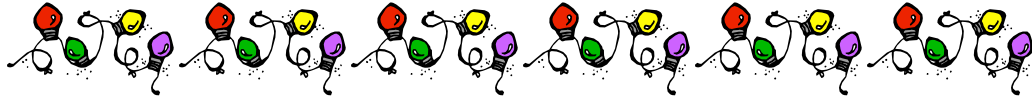


Rainbow School Wahiawa

December 2008 Newsletter



December Theme

The theme for the month of December is “Discovering how good it feels to share”. The children will be learning about how important it is to share especially during this time of the year. Although it can be quite a task to teach them something outside of their “world” it is important for our children to understand that there are others less fortunate in the world than we are. The children will also be busy preparing for the holiday season and our Christmas Program.



Mark your calendar

December 1 – Travelling Storytellers Show at 9:30.

December 12 – African Dance at 9:00

December 15 – Secret Santa Book Exchange is due.

December 18 – Children’s Christmas Party. Please feel free to bring goodies for your class this day.

December 19 – Christmas Program at 9:30 am in the Olive United Methodist Church. Children must be in school by 7:00 am. Notices will be sent out with more information.

December 22 – Last day of school before winter break.

December 23 – January 4 – Winter Break. School is close.

January 5 – Classes resume.



Secret Santa Book Exchange

Each year as part of our theme of sharing, the children will pull a classmates name from a bowl and give him/her a wrapped book on December 15th. This activity will help the children understand how good it feels to give and receive something from their friend. Parents will be notified by note of who your child picked and what the dollar limit is as well as other important information. So look out for the notices in your child’s mailbox.

Christmas Program

This year our Christmas Program will be on December 19th, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. The Zesty Zebras will be doing a short rendition of the Nativity Scene. The Cool Penguins and the Loveable Ladybugs will be preparing a few holiday songs to sing and dance to. Look out for more information about this wonderful event in notices posted in your child's classroom.

MAHALO!

A great big mahalo goes out to all of the families and friends who attended and prepared the dishes for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon. The food was delicious and we have the best turnout ever! This year was the best of all. There were a lot of people catching up on old times and just enjoying each other's company. The children made beautiful centerpieces which they were excited to take home and sing their Thanksgiving songs in front of their families. Our staff is so thankful for each and every one of you. Seeing all of you sharing and celebrating this wonderful occasion with us is the best gift we could ask for.

Flu and Cold Season

The flu and cold season is here as evidence of the absentee rates this past month. The following are some tips that you can use to help prevent the spread of unwanted germs:

- Always wash your hands when assisting your child with wiping their nose. Have your child wash their hands as well.
- Remind your child to cover their coughs and sneezes and to use a tissue to clean their nose. Using his t-shirt to clean their nose is very dirty especially when your child comes in contact with furniture, other people, etc. Change your child's shirt if that ever happens. Your child should also wash their hand after coughing or sneezing.
- When entering and exiting school, have your child wash his hands. You can also do this as well. This helps prevent the germs from home and elsewhere from coming into school and vice versa.
- On a weekly basis we make sure we sanitize all of the toys at school. If your child shares toys with a sibling or other family members and friends, it's a good idea to disinfect the toys periodically. A simple solution of 1 Tablespoon bleach to 1 quart of water in a sink will help to disinfect your child's toys and let air dry.
- For more information you can log onto www.cdc.gov.



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