

Rainbow School - Wahiawa

January 2010 Newsletter



January's Theme

The children will focus on "Discovering my 5 senses" for the month of January. The children will learn about their sense of smell, taste, sight, hearing, and touch. They will be engaged in a variety of activities that will help them understand the importance of our 5 senses. Many hands-on activities will be planned.

Calendar of Events

January 4 – Classes Resume.

January 18 – No school in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

January 27 – February 1 – Scholastic Book Fair. More information will be handed out later.

Mahalo!

Rainbow School Wahiawa's staff would like to thank all of the parents who have given our staff such thoughtful gifts this past holiday season. Your wonderful wishes for the holiday season along with such generous gifts were much appreciated.

Thank you also, for those families who brought in such delicious desserts and goodies for the children on the day of their Holiday party.

Our Holiday Program was a great success. Parent participation was wonderful and the children and staff did an outstanding job preparing for this program. Our narrator, Jasmin Arellano, did a terrific job telling us the story about Jesus. Her family along with Ms. Sarah worked very hard making sure she knew the story. It's always a great treat to see the children on stage dancing some wonderful songs. Great job everyone!!

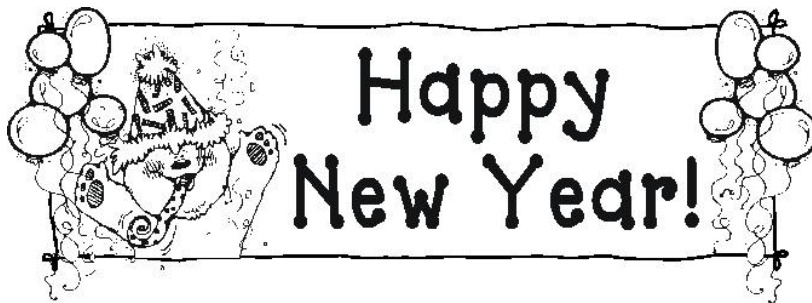
Another great big "Thank you" goes out to all of the parents who made our annual Christmas Book Exchange a success. All of the children were able to give and receive a book. The books

were amazing and all of the families went above and beyond. I know the children had a wonderful time exchanging their books!

What's happening in 2010?

The second half of the school year is here and our staff will be very busy working on different projects. Our NAEYC re-accreditation will be happening anytime between February – March 2010 our staff will continue working hard on this process. The following are some of the projects our staff will be working on:

- Program Portfolio – policies and procedures, documentation, and evidence of certain accreditation criteria that must be combined to show to the assessor.
- Classroom Portfolio – documentation, evidence, pictures, etc. of criteria that each class must fully meet for accreditation.
- Individual Child Portfolio's – documentation, developmental milestones completed, evidence of what each child has completed this school year. This portfolio will be presented to each parent on Recognition Day.
- Observations and Assessments – an ongoing process to make sure that each child is progressing as he/she should.
- Parent/Teacher conference – Teachers will be busy completing each child's Progress Report so that she may be able to discuss with each parent how much each child has progressed since the last meeting. Conferences will be held at the ending the February. Look out for sign-up sheets in your child's classroom.



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