



Kite Tales

A Cary Park District Preschool Publication
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Mrs. Nobbe and Mrs. Warren's Junior 5's class enjoying a Thanksgiving Feast.

Customs and Traditions

November was a month filled with many fun fall activities, projects and thankful thoughts. As we begin the month of December, children will certainly be caught up in the excitement of the season. Although they are still too young to understand the true meaning of the holidays, they can still be an active participant in many of the festivities. Preschoolers are well into the process of becoming social, so this is a good time to begin establishing family holiday traditions which create fond childhood

memories and bring everyone in the family closer. Let your holiday traditions be a natural extension of the personalities, beliefs and favorite pastimes of your family members. Most of all, enjoy your children at this very fun time of year. Everyone at the Cary Park District would like to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.



Important Reminders

Scholastic Book orders are due December 5 and December 6.

Preschool Holiday Program is December 15 and December 16 at the Cary Park District Community Center, 255 Briargate Road. (See back page for more details.)

Winter break is from December 19 to January 1. School resumes on Monday, January 2.

The Jr. 5's, 4 Year Old AM and 4 Year Old PM classes will be taking a field trip to the Cary Area Public Library on January 4 and January 5.

During the winter months, please send *labeled* hats and mittens to school every day. On snowy days, please also send *labeled* snow pants and boots. Children who do not have appropriate snow clothes will be restricted to playing on the sidewalk when there is snow on the play surfaces. We will go outside to play as long as the temperature is 30 degrees or higher including wind chill.

If you have any comments or concerns, please feel free to contact Nancy Herbster at the Preschool Director's line (847) 639-7448.

Preschool Teachers' line is (847) 516-4073.



Happy Birthday to all our December birthdays:

- Isabella DeLaurentis - 12/2
- Rheann Pinely - 12/3
- James Martin - 12/6
- Mia Anderson - 12/11
- Lily Abernathey 12/17



Visit the Preschool section of the Cary Park District website, www.carypark.com. We are excited to offer an online bulletin board. You can download the parent handbook, forms, monthly calendars, newsletters and view photo galleries. While you are there sign up to receive the Cary Park District e-newsletter to stay up to date on the latest promotions, surveys, news and activities available to your preschool aged children.

Preschool Holiday Program
Please join us as we celebrate the holidays with festive holiday songs and refreshments. All family members are welcome. A special visitor will come to visit the children so remember your cameras! This program will be held at the Cary Park District Community Center at 255 Briargate Road. An invitation with the date and time of your child's program will be coming home soon.

Jaycee Park Holiday Walk
The preschool children will be spreading holiday cheer this season by decorating ornaments in class that will be hung on one of the many trees that will line the Jaycee Park walking path. Look for the Cary Park District Preschool tree that will be on display in Jaycee Park from December 10 until January 1. Be sure to look for your child's ornament.

Tree Lighting Event
Come join the Cary Park District for the lighting of the Jaycee Park Holiday Walk on December 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Enjoy holiday lights, visit with Santa and his live reindeer, and enjoy ice skating (weather permitting). This event is free and open to the public.

School Closings
The Cary Park District Preschool follows Cary Community Consolidated School District 26 decisions on school closings due to weather conditions. Therefore, if District 26 schools are cancelled, so is the Cary Park District Preschool. For information on school cancellations, listen to your radio (105.5 FM), call the Cary Park District information line at 847-639-6200 after 6:00 AM, or log on to Cary Park District's website at www.carypark.com. Information on school closings will be in the "Weather Update" section of the website.

Afternoon Schedule Change
Due to the recent change to the dismissal time at the Cary District 26 elementary schools, the preschool will be changing the drop off and pick up times to help assist families. Starting Monday, November 28, drop off time at the preschool for afternoon programs will be at 12:15 p.m. and pick up time will be at 2:45 p.m. To help alleviate traffic in our parking lot, we will continue to open the doors five minutes before drop off and pick up times.



Thank You!

Thank you for all the books generously donated to the preschool library:

- Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown from Michael Cruz;
- Otto Goes to the Beach by Todd Parr from Harper Heath;
- 'Cock-A-Doodle-Moo! by Bernard Most from Olivia Reisenbigler;
- Goldilicious by Victoria Kann from Erica Bradley;
- Pinkalicious by Victoria Kann from Mia Rugala.

Thank you for all of your generous Food Drive donations. The Food Drive will continue until the end of December.