



# PATHWAY MONTESSORI



## December is Heating Up at Pathway

Winter is coming; we are beginning to feel it in the air! It's hard to believe that we are almost one third through the school year. Everyone has done such a fabulous job with classroom routines and helping younger (and newer) friends. We would like to acknowledge all those that have been contributing to our sound basket. Some items have been very clever! The sound for the first week of January is "o". Children may bring an object that starts with the letter "o" (i.e.: octopus, ostrich, olive, oxen) to put in the sound basket which will be shared in class.

**Just a reminder:** The School will be closed on Dec. 1st for parent/teacher interviews. If you wish to have an interview regarding your child's

progress, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet. If you cannot make it for an interview or an observation at these times we can arrange for another time. **Note:** There is **NO** Preschool class on interview day.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will sing our Christmas songs for a church tea at 11:30 upstairs. It will give the children a great opportunity to practice in front of an audience. It is not necessary for parents to attend this, as this is a courtesy to the church volunteers. Pick up will be from inside (downstairs) on this day.

The children have been busy rehearsing and decorating their classroom so please plan to attend our Winter

Celebration on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. Relatives are welcome to this special occasion and it promises to be a perfect photo opportunity, so remember to bring your cameras. This event is scheduled for all children to attend. We are also organizing a potluck, so watch for the sign-up.

Children may dress up for this event or they are welcome to wear clothing from their culture or tradition. If your child will be away, please let us know so we can make sure they receive their small gift from the teachers and be sure to take home the crafts they made for their families. Children are encouraged to take home all their beautiful creations after the celebration.

## Best of the Season to Everyone

Pathway Montessori will continue to collect foodbank items throughout the month of December. Please help your child to bring non-perishable food items (e.g. pasta, canned fish/meat/fruit/veggies, baby food, crackers, soup, cereal, etc.) The last day for collection is Dec. 16th. Thank you for contributing to our annual holiday community service project.

Source BC will distribute all foodbank items.

Please note that following the concert on Dec. 16th the school will be closed and will re-open on Jan 3

We hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday! We wish all of you a happy, fun-filled Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you all back – rested and rejuvenated-

in January! Happy New Year!



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## Dates to Remember this Month

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup>- No regular class. Parent/ teacher interview
- Dec 14- singing rehearsal for Church Tea
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Winter celebration; last day of school
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup>- Jan 2 Winter Break

## Happy Birthday!

- Dec 1** Jazlynn Age
- Dec 31** Chase Age

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a love of learning*

### **REMINDERS:**

#### **Hibernation Wrap up**

We would like to have our animals hibernating by Dec. 13th if you have not done so. (We would like to wrap up this unit prior to the break) We would prefer that the animal fit into your child's hand, as the hibernating animals will be sharing a cave to sleep in. Please label your animal.

#### **Warm Clothing for Winter Weather**

We are looking forward to enjoying the winter season with the children. Please ensure that you send your child in warm clothing such as toques, and mitts, as we will be trying to go outside daily. Its not fun playing with cold little fingers.

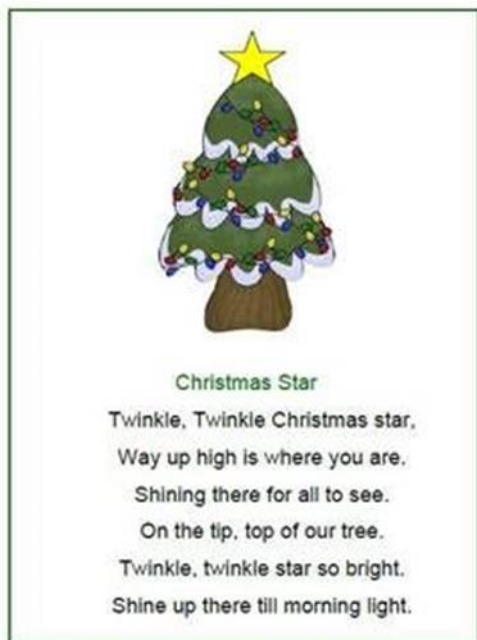
#### **Thank you**

Thank you goes out to Madison's mom Miranda for the beautiful puzzles for the class. Also thanks goes out to Esme and Quinten's mom Allisson for the bag full of paper craft supplies.

#### **Wish List**

As always, we greatly appreciate all classroom donations. We thank you for your continued donations of envelopes and gently-used items for the class.

## A Poem about Christmas Star



*The primary goal of Montessori education is to prepare the whole child to reach full potential in all areas of life.*

**Maria Montessori**