



**Seeds
of Learning**
Early Care and Education Center



December 2011 Newsletter

What's Happening at Seeds This Month?

The Parent Advisory Board will meet Monday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m. Child-care will be provided during the meeting. See Parent Advisory Committee updates on page 2.

December 8th and 9th the parent advisory committee will be doing a special craft project with the children which will be delivered to the Senior Center December 12th and 13th.

Thursday, December 8th Seeds will be hosting a "Caroling

and Cocoa" night. Bring your family and join us for hot cocoa and some caroling @ 5:30 PM.

The Butterfly class will be taking a field trip Monday, December 12th @ 11:45 to the Silver Foxes' Den at the community center. The children will deliver holiday crafts and eat lunch with the senior citizens. The children will be riding the County bus.

The Ladybug class will be taking a field trip Tuesday, Decem-

ber 13th @ 11:45 to the Silver Foxes Den at the community center. The children will deliver holiday crafts and eat lunch with the senior citizens. The children will be riding the County bus.

Thursday, December 15th @ 4:00 PM Seeds of Learning will host their 2nd Annual Winter Fest. Please bring the family to enjoy the some fun crafts with your child.

Friday, December 16th is Polar Express Day. Children get to wear their warm PJs

Special Dates :

- ◇ December 5th— Parent Advisory meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- ◇ December 8th-9th— Parent crafts with children
- ◇ December 8th—Cocoa and Caroling @ 5:30pm
- ◇ December 12th—Butterfly class to the Senior Center
- ◇ December 13th— Ladybug class to the Senior Center
- ◇ December 15th—Winter Fest @ 4:00pm
- ◇ December 16th —PJ Day and viewing of The Polar Express @ 3:30pm (preschool only)
- ◇ December 19th-30th— Closed for Winter Break

Happy Holidays!

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The Dragonfly Class is opening!!!!

January 2nd the Dragonfly class is going to reopen with Miss Ellen as the lead teacher!! Miss Crystal, one of our amazing substitute teachers, has accepted the assistant teacher position for that room. Miss Ellen and Miss Crystal are very excited to meet their new class!!

For more great news Miss Suzy will be returning January 2nd! Miss Suzy will be back in the Ladybug room with Miss Alyssa and Miss Angie.

Happy Birthday



Genevieve	December 6th	age 5
Jackson	December 18th	age 5
Teagan	Devember 26th	age

Parent Involvement Hour Opportunities and Parent Reminders



OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Join the Parent Advisory Committee. Meetings are the **2nd Monday of every month** from 5:30-

- 6:30 PM. Childcare is provided by Seeds of Learning staff. Our next meeting is December 5th (this month it will be the 1st Monday).
- ◆ We are always looking for families to do laundry. If you are interested please sign up on the parent involvement board. **REMEMBER THIS INCLUDES FOLDING THE LAUNDRY!!**

REMINDERS

- ◆ Snacks are due on your snack day whether you are here or not.
- ◆ Do not wait until the last day for your parent involvement hours.
- ◆ Mornings are getting cold so please send a heavy jacket with your child everyday. Remember child go out as early as 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Please leave all toys at home unless it is your

Parent Advisory

The Parent Advisory Committee participated in the Fall Festival! The booths and the delicious food was a hit! Thank you all who sponsored and participated. We will also be setting up two booths for the Winter Fest December 15th. Please let Miss Angie or Aubrie know if you would like to be involved.

December 8th and 9th parents will be coming in to all classrooms to make special crafts with the students. On December 11th and 12th the preschool students will be taking their crafts to the senior citizens at the Silver Foxes' Den at the Community Center. The children will also be eating lunch and celebrating the season of giving with them!!

Important Dates:

- December 5th: The next Parent Advisory meeting @ 5:30 PM
- December 8th and 9th: craft decorating
- December 11th: Butterflies to the senior center @11:45 AM
- December 12th: Ladybugs to the senior center @11:45 AM



Seeds of Learning Mission and Vision

Mission

Our mission is to provide high quality early care and education to children ages 18 months through age 5, regardless of family structure or income.

Vision

The vision at Seeds of Learning is to work in partnership with families and our community to provide a learning community in a developmentally appropriate

Bumblebee News

The Bumblebees are happy to welcome our new friend Cierra. We love having her at school!

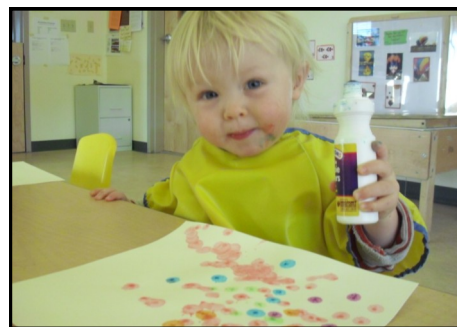
We began the month learning all about turkeys. Mrs. Kelly taught us a song in Spanish called Diez Little Turkey's. We also played a fun game to help the turkeys find their nest, this game helped us learn our shapes. We practiced our fine motor skills by sticking

feathers in a styrofoam cup to make a colorful flying turkey.

With it being Thanksgiving month we learned all about being thankful. We did a "I'm Thankful" search outside. We learned "If You're Thankful and You Know It" song and made a giving collage.

Every week we love doing something different in the

sensory table. This month we enjoyed popping bubble wrap and digging with shovels in the sand.



We practiced loud and

Ladybug News

The Ladybug class has been improving their feeling detective skills. They can name feelings by listening, looking at faces, and reading nonverbal cues. They are beginning to be solutions seekers to different problems.

The four and five year olds are working on addition, letter writing and number recognition. They

are rock star story tellers, too.

Our little chefs have been stirring, mixing and baking Thanksgiving favorites! The Ladybug class made potatoes, stuffing and green bean casserole. We had lots of fun measuring and counting the ingredients. Thank you to all the parent who joined us for our Thankful Fest!



We will not be taking a field trip to the Library this month but will be taking a field trip to the County

Butterfly News



This month the Butterfly class has been working on a Growing Project with Miss Lynne. The Butter-

flies learned about the life cycle of pumpkins, corn and cucumbers. We also looked at the different kinds of vegetable's and herb seeds and then planted them in two different containers. When the plants are ready we will move them to the Grow Box outside. We can't wait!!

The Butterflies would like to thank Miss Lynne for teaching them how to turn cucumbers into yummy pickles. After canning the cucumbers the Butterflies all had seconds of the bread and butter pickles.

Thank you parents for coming to the Thanksgiving Feast! We enjoyed sharing the home cooked

Kids' quotes of the month!! (names have been changed to protect the innocent)

"Hey don't poke the fish tank, the fish want pri-

"I can get a pet snake when I am 11-teen or 5-

"I don't like pinenipples!"

Child "I have claws on my hands, claws on my feet and horns."

Teacher- "Are you a dragon?"

Why is he going home? Does he have a beaver?

Teacher- "Where did your patience go? You had it a minute ago."

Child- "It walked into the Butterfly room."

What is happening in Pagosa Springs?? (as far as we know...)

Thursday, December 1st-3rd

- ★ Christmas in Pagosa: No tax shopping, fabulous discounts and super prize packages (For more information call 264-2360)

Friday, December 2nd

- ★ Festival of Trees and Christmas Concert: Held at the Community Center from 6-10PM (For more information call 264-4152)
- ★ 6th Annual World Craft Fair: Held at Restoration Fellowship from 9am-5pm (for more information call 731-0411)

Saturday, December 3rd

- ★ 6th Annual World Craft Fair: Held at Restoration Fellowship from 9am-5pm (for more information call 731-0411)
- ★ Christmas Family Portraits: Held at the Pagosa Center for Arts (for more information call 970-507-0070)

Wednesday, December 7th

- ★ Local Appreciation Day: Wolf Creek Ski Area (for more information call 264-5639)

Friday -Saturday, December 9th- 10th

- ★ Music Boosters presents "Hollydaze": Held at the Pagosa Center for the Arts @ 6:00pm (for more information call 264-2360)

Wednesday, December 14th

- ★ Local Appreciation Day: Wolf Creek Ski Area (for more information call 264-5639)

Friday, November 18– December 26th

The Polar Express: Durango Railroad (for more information call 888-872-4607)



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