



# January 2012 Newsletter

## What's Happening at Seeds This Month?

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your holiday break and hope you have a wonderful New Year!

The Parent Advisory Board will meet Monday, January 9th at 5:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. See Parent Advisory Committee updates on page 2.

Seeds of Learning will be having a Parent Potluck Thursday, January 12th @ 6:00 PM. Come join us as we celebrate the Chinese New Year! Sign up on the parent involvement board.

Seeds of Learning will be closed for Professional Development Training January 25th.

## Special Dates :

- ◇ **January 9th— Parent Advisory meeting @ 5:30 p.m.**
- ◇ **January 12th— Parent Potluck @ 6:00 PM**
- ◇ **January 25th— Closed for Professional Development Training.**



## A Big Thank You!!!!

The Seeds of Learning staff would like to give a big thanks for all the amazing gifts and treats! They were extra special and were very meaningful to all of us. (By the way we have had a request for the receipt for the yummy sesame bars if you made them...)

Happy New Years!!

## Happy Birthday



Amberly	January 2nd	age 5
Chantel	January 10th	age 6
Finley	January 12th	age 5
Kasen	January 20th	age 2

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## Parent Involvement Hour Opportunities and Parent Reminders



### OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Come join us for the 1st family potluck of 2012, January 12th from 6:00-8:00 PM.

- ◆ 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 January 9th.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Please leave all toys at home unless it is your leader day.

### Parent Advisory

The Parent Advisory Committee had a busy month! We wanted to teach the children about the importance of giving around the holidays. The Parent Advisory Committee came into the classrooms and made a snowman with the children. The children then took their snowmen and gave it to one of their new friends at the Senior Center. The children sang Jingle Bells, ate lunch and a great time was had by all!

The Committee also participated in the Winter Fest. We had face painting and a snowflake craft. Thank you very much to all the families who participated. If you would like to be involved with the Parent Advisory Committee the next meeting will be held Monday, January 9, 2012 @ 5:30 PM.



### Bumblebee News

So much snow has piled up and we love to play in the snow. We built snowmen, made snow angels and stomped around in the snow. We also loved being pulled around in sleds, and we are getting really good at taking turns.

We practiced our balancing skills by pretending we were penguins carrying our eggs on our feet. We also love being apart of the snowmen art project, we hope all the seniors enjoyed the special craft.

In art we decorated Christmas trees and ornaments. We also made beautiful poinsettia flowers and made kitten puppets out of lunch bags.

The Bumblebees love to sing! This past month we learned how to sing 5 Little Christmas Trees, Jingle Bells and Red Bird, Red Bird. We also learned more about our shapes practicing a finger play about presents.

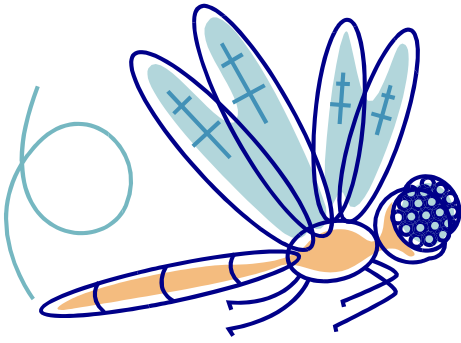
We would like to thank John's mom for coming in to

read stories and sing songs. We would also like to thank McGinnis and Kasen's mom for helping out with the special holiday craft.

We hope that you enjoyed your Christmas break!!



## Dragonfly News



The Dragonflies are flying back for the new year!

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Crystal

the new assistant teacher in the Dragonfly class. Miss Crystal is an amazing addition to our staff. Miss Crystal has a BA in physical education and has experience working at the Campbell Center, a high quality early care and education center in Durango (Fort Lewis College).

Miss Ellen and Miss Crystal are so excited to welcome Chloe, Rio, Aurora and Ivy from the Butterfly class. We are also excited to welcome Reuben,

Finley and Carson from the Ladybug class. Finally, we are excited to welcome Harrison from Texas! We are looking forward to learning and growing together.

The Dragonflies are going to start the new year off with a theme about winter.

## Ladybug News

The Ladybugs have been busy this season. We've been practicing our letters by pretending to be Santa Claus. Each friend received a present and had to sort it into the chimney with the correct letter. We also have practiced our writing skills by mailing letters to Santa. We told him what friendly things we have done and what we want for Christmas. We also had many discussions about the value of giving.



We would like to thank all of the families that helped volunteer with the craft we brought to the seniors at the Senior Cen-

ter. We made snowmen out of paper plates. We would also like to thank the parents that met us at the Senior Center for lunch. It was so exciting to see our little stars sing "Jingle Bells." and give to senior citizens.

The Ladybugs hope you had a Merry Christmas and hope you have a Happy New Year!!

## Butterfly News



Wow! What a busy December. Our theme this month was "Polar" and we made snow balls out of white tissue paper

and igloos out of a card board box! We also danced to Happy Feet with snowflakes shakers. It was real cool!

The Butterflies discussed the holiday and how they celebrate in different cultures. We has a surprise visit from "Sinterklaas" on St. Nicholas Day December 6th. This tradition is from the Netherlands. The Butterflies left pictures for Sinterklaas and a carrots for Sinterklass' horse, "Amerigo" in

their shoes during nap time. When they woke up Sinterklass visited. (Thank you Chantel for sharing the tradition.)

Leilani also taught us how to make potato cakes, like they do in the Jewish culture. What a delicious lesson, too.

Thank you to all the parents that helped out with the craft and visit to the senior center, the cocoa and caroling night, and winter fest. Hope you had a great winter break!!

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

"My stomach is firsty, I need to give it water!!."

"There are no seeds in cheese you know!"

"I got a "flea" shot!" (flu shot)

"You're not the boss, Jesus is the boss."

Teacher- "Were you scared when the lights went off?"

"I like the hash browns my mommy makes." Child then looks at his plate.

Child- "No, I cried when my humidifier turned off. "

"There are not hash browns, they aren't black."

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

### Friday, January 6th

- 🌟 Nordic Club FREE Moonrise/Sunset Soup & Chile Cross Country Ski Social from 4-7 PM (for more information 946-7225)

### Saturday, January 7th

- 🌟 Free dog harness, Skijoring demo day @ Pagosa Feed at 12:00 PM (for more information call 731-4126)

### Sunday, January 8th

- 🌟 Wolf Creek Ski Area—Fun Race (for more information call 264-5639)

### Wednesday, January 18th

- 🌟 United Way Ski & Save Day at Wolf Creek Ski Area (for more information call 264-5639)

### Wednesday, January 25th

- 🌟 Wolf-Creek Ski Area—Fun Race( for more information call 264-5639)

### Sunday, January 21st

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

### Saturday, January 28th

- 🌟 Wolf-Creek Ski Area—Fun Race (for more information call 264-5639)

### Sunday, January 29th

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



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