



FLEUR DE LIS SCHOOL
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DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

December is here and many of you will be traveling or taking time off from school. Please call the office to let us know if your child will not be attending. We will be **closed** on **Wednesday, December 24th** and **Thursday, December 25th** for the Christmas holiday. We will also be closed on **Wednesday, December 31st** and **Thursday, January 1st** for the New Year holiday.



Holiday Magic for Kids Toy Drive: Ms. Nina (our Spanish Teacher) is once again coordinating this special event benefiting the **San Diego Coalition for the Homeless**. We are asking for donations of **NEW TOYS** for ages infant to 12 years-old. If possible, **please giftwrap and tag your gift** (example: Boy age:10-12, Girl age: 2-4, etc.) We are also asking for **Candy Canes and Gift Wrapping Materials** to be donated to this event. These homeless and low-income children are treated to a day of festivities and a new, wrapped toy. For most of these children, it will be the only gift they get this holiday. This is a great opportunity to teach our children what the holidays are all about, by helping others. **Your donations need to be delivered by Thursday, December, 11th**. Thank you for your generosity!

Social Media: Please help support Fleur De Lis by liking us on Facebook and following us on Pinterest. This is a great way to keep updated on school-wide events, interesting articles, and fun photos.

<http://www.pinterest.com/FDLS3743/>

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2-YEAR-OLD CLASSES

Both 2 year-old classes are excited to learn about the holidays of Hanukkah and Christmas, as well as other holidays celebrated around the world. **Ms. Terri, Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Kiara's class** will be doing cooking projects by preparing potato latkes & challah bread. The children will create a big Gingerbread House collage, experiment with ice cube painting, and even have a "Snowball" fight. **Ms. Chelsea & Ms. Diana's class** will also enjoy cooking by preparing latkes and decorating gingerbread men. Please bring a family picture and your favorite family recipe to share with the class. The children will be making family portraits and working on holiday gifts.

3-YEAR-OLD CLASSES

Ms. Amber & Ms. Lizette's class will transform their classroom into a Winter Wonderland. The children will learn about different animals that live in cold climates and holidays celebrated around the world, such as Christmas & Hanukkah. **Ms. April, Ms. Adriana & Ms. Julie's class** will do a fun Winter "Snowball" toss with Ms. Lizette & Ms. Amber's class. The children will be busy making holiday gifts & cards, playing the dreidel games, and reviewing past themes.

PRE-K CLASSES

This month, both classes will focus on learning about Gingerbread. They will read many versions of the Gingerbread Man, have a gingerbread man "hunt", and make gingerbread houses. On **December 2nd**, the children will enjoy "A Very Beary Nutcracker" puppet show. **Ms. Tina & Ms. Rebeca's class** would like to thank Julia Haims (Johanna's mom) for doing a special Hanukkah presentation for the class.

PARTIES

2-year-old classes will have their winter parties on Monday, **Dec. 22st** & Tuesday, **Dec. 23rd**.

Ms. Amber & Ms. Lizette's parties are on Tuesday, **Dec. 16th** & Wednesday, **Dec. 17th**. **Ms. April, Ms. Adriana & Ms. Julie's** party is on Wednesday, **Dec. 19th**.

Ms. Tina & Ms. Rebeca's Gingerbread Holiday party is on Friday, **Dec. 19th**. **Ms. Kathy, Ms. Lindsey & Ms. Marzetta's** Gingerbread Party is on Wednesday, **Dec. 17th**.

If you're joining us for a party, please remember to park on the street. Please check classroom Shutterfly pages for additional information.

SPANISH PROGRAM

For **Diciembre** (December), Ms. Nina will cover holiday topics. In the first week, she will introduce vocabulary related to Osos (Bears.) In the next three weeks, Ms. Nina will talk about **Hanukkah, Christmas, and Ano Nuevo** (New Year.)