



December 2017



Holiday Parade:

On **Friday, December 15th** all the classrooms will participate in a 9:30 a.m., parade. We are also asking if you have any shredded paper to please donate it as we will need it for our parade to use as snow.

Book Exchange:

During our holiday party on Wednesday, December 20th, a book exchange will take place. **We ask that each child brings in a wrapped book with only the gift giver's name on the tag.** The book should be age-appropriate and the cost should not exceed \$6.00. Please keep in mind that our children celebrate different holidays. Please bring books in by Wednesday, December 6th.

VPK Holiday Show:

Our VPK classes will be having a Holiday Show. The shows will take place at Andover Academy. Ms. Stephanie's class will have their show on Wednesday, December 20th, 5:30 p.m. Ms. Coleen's class will have their holiday show on Friday, December 22nd, 11:30 a.m. And Ms. Sharon's holiday show will be Friday December 22nd at 5:30pm. Please arrive early for the best seating. This is only for our VPK students and their **two guests** only as space is limited.

Toy Drive:

As some of you may know, one of our teachers, Ms. Shakira, passed away from sickle cell. There is now a foundation in her honor and we are collecting toys for them, please be generous.

New toys only please and when selecting a toy please choose something age appropriate for your child.

Santa's Visit

Santa will be visiting our boys and girls on Wednesday, December 6th between the hours of 9am to 11am. We will be taking in house photos but parents are invited to come and take pictures.

Important

Please do not leave your valuables inside the vehicles. Unfortunately, we have had break-ins and these will continue to happen, if you keep leaving your valuables in the car!

Closing Dates:

Monday, December 25th Tuesday, December 26th
Monday, January 1st Tuesday, January 2nd
Yes, we will be open Wednesday January 3rd as you requested.

A BIG THANKS!! :

To all the many families who continue to donate toys, books, furniture, and many other items too numerous to list, we thank you ever so much.



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Special points of interest:

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Andover Academy, Making Learning Fun...

Mission Statement: Andover Academy strives to provide a quality education in a safe, nurturing environment where each child may grow at his or her own pace. Our staff is committed to children and encourages a love of learning. Open communication and parent participation are essential to our program.

Bean Bag Toss

Have your child toss bean bags into a box with wrapping paper on it. You can use masking tape to mark where the child should stand.

Tree Sizing

Cut out many different sized trees. Ask the children to line up the trees from largest to smallest.

Star Sizing:

Cut out many different sized stars. Ask the children to line up the stars from largest to smallest.



Cookie Cutter Tree Prints

Put a small amount of tempera paint in a large shallow container. (A pie tin works well) Show your child how to dip a Christmas Tree cookie cutter in the paint and press onto a piece of paper to create a print. You can make holiday pictures or greeting cards by using holiday cookie cutters and colored paper. also learn how other countries and cultures around the world celebrate the holiday season while having so



Reindeer Chow

9 cups Rice Chex, Corn Chex, or Chocolate Chex

- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1½ cup powdered sugar

1 cup holiday M&M's (any variety)

1. Measure cereal and pour into large bowl; set aside.
2. In 1-quart microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter un-covered on high for 1 minute; stir. Microwave about 30 seconds longer or until mixture can be stirred smooth. Stir in vanilla.
3. Pour mixture over cereal, stir-ring until evenly coated. Pour into 2-gallon resealable plastic bag.

4. Add powdered sugar. Seal bag; shake until well coated. Spread on waxed paper to cool.

Add M&M's and stir into mixture. Store in airtight container

Count the Stripes

Make many different candy cane shapes with different numbers of stripes. Have the children count the stripes on the candy canes. If you made candy cane art (above) then have each child count the stripes on their candy cane. You could ask the children who had the most, the least and make a chart of how many lines were on the candy canes. Which number of stripes did most people make?

Paper Plate Christmas Tree

Cut 2 paper plates into 3 triangular pieces and paint green. Paint a paper towel roll brown. Cut slits in it about 1/3 of the way up on one end. Spread and tape to another paper plate. Glue tree pieces together and decorate with buttons, gems, sequins or paper dots. Add a star at the top and



glue onto the paper towel roll.

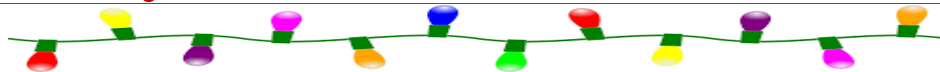
Stunning Christmas Stocking

1. Cut a sock shape out of two pieces of felt.
2. Staple the edges together a half inch from the sides, leaving the top open.
3. Glue rickrack over the staples to cover them.

Add a felt loop to the top corner of the stocking for hanging. Decorate with felt and buttons.



Important Matters and Reminders



Parent Information Board:

Please check the "Parent Information Board" for interesting articles and information.

Happy Holidays to our Andover Academy family

