

PLATO ACADEMY

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1, 2017

Welcome back from our Thanksgiving Break! We hope everyone had a good week off. Thank you for joining us at the conferences. It was great to chat about your children and share stories. We will have conferences again in March before Spring Break.

Our week back was just as busy as any other! Dried corn kernels were in the water/sensory table for a different exploration. The kernels are bigger than regular corn on the cob so the students had to solve the problems of the corn not flowing through some of the pipes in the table.

The class continues to explore ramps and pathways in the classroom and in the gym. They build various sized ramps to roll marbles, cars, and other objects that roll. We also have pool noodles available during open gym and the students use them as tunnels for marbles.

We are beginning to decorate the classroom for the upcoming holiday of Christmas. We have a small lighted tree and several store bought decorations. We are working together to make other decorations. This week the students painted a background for the door which displays the class having fun outside during recess. Stop by and see it!

Speaking of recess... the weather has been fabulous! We have been outside as much as possible. But it is expected to change this coming week. Please watch weather forecasts and reports in the mornings to see how to dress your child for the day. We WILL go outside everyday unless it's raining. Please make sure your child wears outer clothes that will keep him/her warm and dry. We will have your child wear whatever she/he brings to school.

On that note, did you know that your child can put on his/her own jacket and try to zipper it? We use the up and over technique and your child can demonstrate it. Sometimes it goes on upside down so we just try again! Kudos to all of you who are dropping your children at the door and giving them the chance to do their own morning routine.

We visited the bank next door on Thursday so that some of our students who have savings accounts could make deposits. Thursdays are our bank deposit days! Sign up our child and she/he will be able to make deposits to save up money. When we go there, the students wait in line. When a teller is available, we help the student greet the teller and communicate what he/she needs to do. When finished, the student says thank you. The tellers there are awesome and greet the children by their names!

The song links for our holiday program have been emailed to all of you. Please help your child practice them. They are sounding great!

Please check Parent Notes sent toward the end of each week. They give you information of upcoming PTO and school activities.

- Please check and update your child's extra clothes box at the bottom of the cubby. Each student should have **two FULL** (pants, shirt, underwear, socks) changes ready. **This is important. Even if your child does well with going to the bathroom, other things happen that require changing clothes.**
- Please send healthy PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE foods for lunches and snacks. **Please... no chips, cookies and candy.** They do not provide the nutrition and energy needed for the day. Examples of some healthy snacks are: fruit (cut up in bite-sized pieces), veggies, pretzels, graham crackers, yogurt/gogurt/danimals, oatmeal or granola snack bites/bars as long as they do not (may) contain peanuts or tree nuts. Tree nuts are, but not limited to: cashews, pecans, pistachios, hazelnuts, walnuts, almonds. Those are the most used in snacks and other food products. Please help us protect all students! We share the lunchroom and other common areas with the other classes and there are students with severe allergies in the school. Please know that the staff follows the same protocol. **IF THE LABEL READS, MAY CONTAIN PEANUTS OR TREE NUTS, THEY CANNOT BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. PLEASE CHECK LABELS!**
- Food is not to be shared between students at school. Please continue conversations at home about this. It is very important for the safety of all students.
- If your child is signed up for school lunch, please make sure you send a separate snack for the afternoon.
- If your child will be in Aftercare for an hour or more, please provide extra snack so that they aren't getting too hungry.

Please, please, please... Make sure that your child has eaten breakfast before coming to school. It is important that they are energized for the morning. They exercise their bodies and brains before lunch at 11:20. That is a long time to go without nurturing our bodies. We do not have the accommodations for students to eat or finish breakfast in the classroom.

**** Please limit toys from home to only one. Each student is responsible for their item. There is always a chance that an item gets lost or damaged.**

Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Texting is best since we can usually reply quicker.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's life!

Ciao!

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