

PLATO ACADEMY

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

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We are having a great time in Pre K! Every day is a new exploration and many things are learned by both the students and teachers.

This past week was no exception. Did you know that we played with snow? We found some recipes to make fake snow. The first recipe used baking soda and white hair conditioner. It felt cold and wet but didn't melt in our hands. Another recipe had the baking soda again but mixed with shaving cream. That was fun and also felt cold in our hands. The third recipe mixed the shaving cream with corn starch. That felt very different and was easy to make into balls and roll out for cookies, etc. ALL recipes helped our classroom smell very pleasant all week!

We are very busy working on holiday songs, arts and crafts, gifts and decorations. Keep practicing the songs for next Friday. YES! IT IS NEXT FRIDAY! Please read the Parent notes from Thursday for all information for the program. It is not a regular school day and everything is at Bridge Community Church and then the luncheon at Manzo's.

Our class will sit together in two rows at the church for the entire program. We are sorry but space doesn't permit parents to sit with the class and we are arranged so that the shortest sit in front and adults would block their view. Get there early and grab a seat in the other sections. We will sing two songs on our own and then we will go back on stage later in the program for the all school songs. Once the program is over, please come to the front to gather your child. Also, occasionally children get "stage fright" where they freeze up and don't sing or perform. THAT'S OK! We have the rehearsal on Wednesday so that they see the stage and get more comfortable in that setting. It will be so grand!

Well, one week down leading the Pledge of Allegiance and one to go! The students have been awesome at the microphone in the office! They speak clear and loud and at the end we have been informing the school of some of the National and International Days in December. We have also written them on the info board outside of the classroom! We have been asking for volunteers so if one of them hasn't wanted to lead, that's ok. Again, it's a new situation and we assure you that when our second time comes around in the spring, we will have to limit them at the mic!

We brought out an old overhead projector and plugged it in. The students have spent a lot of time around it with the transparent magnetiles and building in a completely different way. And the cool thing is, it gets projected onto our skyline wall! They have also discovered shadows and have been putting their hands and other objects on the projector to see what shape they made. They were also experimenting with color mixing with light instead of paint. We like it and it makes a fun exploration in the room.

Please double check ingredient labels on snacks and foods sent to school. We found some organic products this week that contained peanuts or tree nuts in different forms (butter, oil, etc). Also, we found out that Savoritz brand (Aldi) mini cheese sandwich crackers have peanuts in their ingredient list. So please do not send them. We are perplexed as well, but we can't take any chances!

Cold weather is upon us! If you send snow pants, we will have the students wear them when there is accumulated snow outside or if it's super wet and there are chances of falling/slipping into puddles, etc. Thank you to all who have sent all of the extra warm items we need for outdoors! It is a lot and we do our best to keep it together but that is also a learning program for everyone. If something doesn't make it home, check their cubbies and check the lost and found in front of the office. Keep sending those items to school so that we can continue to be comfortable during outdoor exploration.

Keep an eye out for more fun holiday stuff!

- 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, 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.

**** Students are responsible for any item they bring to school. 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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