

**WOODDALE COMMUNITY
NURSERY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
December 2014**

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We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. We would like to thank families for the generous contributions to our Thanksgiving Feast and of course for your ongoing donations to our snack cupboard! Thanks also to everyone for the generous donations for our food drive for STEP – St. Louis Park Emergency Program. We've graphed 120 items so far and plan to bring them over to STEP on Thursday this week. We're busy working on some fun holiday art projects and learning some songs to sing for our program next week.

Dates to Remember

Our last day of school before Winter Break is Thursday, December 18th. We'll celebrate the holidays that day with some songs for families – at 11:10 a.m. for morning classes and 2:40 p.m. for the afternoon classes. Please let us know if you'd like to bring a special treat or napkins for snack that day.

We'll return to school after break on Tuesday, January 6th, 2015.

Registration for Next Year

Last week we distributed letters and applications to those students currently enrolled who we hope will return for a second year. We are also sending or handing out letters and applications to siblings and other children we've had an association with in the past. We've also had a number of other interested parents call to request applications and arrange for visits. **Please return your applications by December 18th if you plan to enroll your child for next year.**

Last year Mike Mann the Storyteller visited and gave us his "Top 12 Tips for Raising Creative Kids." We thought it would be worth reprinting! Here are some that might help as you tackle your holiday shopping:

*Build something together – Learning to think with your hands stimulates the creative spirit

*Give toys that are 90% kid and 10% toy – There's a reason kids play with the boxes . . .

*Create space in your home and child's room for creative activity – Markers, crayons, paper, tape, clothes, props and puppets . . . novelty & variety will build creative strength

*Pay attention to your children as they play – Free unsupervised play reveals kids' natural talent and creative skill

*Select media products carefully – Choose ones that require more than one solution for success or enhance creative problem solving

*Read or tell stories to your child every day – Imagination is like a muscle that needs daily exercise

*Make time for family playtime – play outside with your children!

Tuition

Please have all 2014 tuition paid by December 18th. If you have questions about your tuition payments, please see Sylvia. Monthly tuition is \$220.

With the busy holiday season upon us, remember the gift of time you give your children is truly the best gift you can give them!

**Wishing you a happy holiday season!
Virginia, Sylvia, Sue, and Beth**