

**WOODDALE COMMUNITY
NURSERY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Our lovely fall has suddenly morphed into a nasty winter! Children of course have a great way of looking at it – an opportunity to play outside in the snow! If we could all keep that playful attitude, we'd probably do a lot less grumbling about the weather!

Thanks for coming in for parent conferences. We were able to talk with nearly all our families last Thursday. It's a nice time to talk about how things are going for your children and discuss any concerns you may have. Remember to let us know if you ever have any concerns about your child's school experience.

Dates to Remember

Nov 20 – Thanksgiving Feast
Look for Details in the Letter coming home this week
Nov 25, 26, 27 – No school during Thanksgiving Week
Dec 18 – Holiday Programs
AM: 11:10, PM: 2:40
Dec 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, & Jan 1 – No school during Winter Break
January 6, 2015 – Back to School!
Jan 15 – Minnesota Children's Museum "To Go" Program at school

Upcoming Units

Thanksgiving
Cooking and Baking
Holidays
Winter

Thanksgiving Feast

Our Thanksgiving Feast will be Thursday, Nov. 20th. During these two weeks leading up to our feast, we will talk about harvest time, the Thanksgiving holiday, and the many ways we can show we are thankful. Children and their families bring food for the event. We'll send home information about that closer to the day. We don't really expect them to eat a whole meal, but we do want them to sample the foods that might traditionally be served on Thanksgiving. Morning families are welcome to join us at 10:45 and afternoon families at 2:15 to watch the children sit down to their "feast." Children will sing songs for a short program after their little meal. Please plan to join us for a fun event.

Food Donations

Many families in our community are still finding a need for some help with food. The St. Louis Park Emergency Program, or STEP, has seen a steep rise in requests for assistance over the past couple of years. We would like to ask families to contribute to a FOOD DRIVE for STEP. There is always a high need for cereal and that's something that's easy to bring in. If you are able, please send a box of cereal or other nonperishable item to school with your child and we'll take the donations to STEP before the Thanksgiving break. Our unit on Thanksgiving will include not only talking about being thankful but also thinking about how to be helpful to people in need. We'll have a concrete example to show them what people can do for others. We also use this opportunity to graph the items collected and teach the children a bit about the world of numbers.