



# LCNS Newsletter

December 2014

Lincolnshire Community Nursery School

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## Dates to Remember

### Dec. 2

**Last book club until Jan 6**

### Dec. 6

**Music and Story time at Barnes and Noble, Lincolnshire  
11:30am**

### Dec. 11

**No School—Teacher meeting**

### Dec 17

**3's and pre-k music program and party**

### Dec. 18

**OMO music program and party**

### Dec. 22-Jan 4

**No School—winter break**

**\*\*\*\*\*Dad's Day\*\*\*\*\***

**Feb. 4--3's and pre-k**

**Feb. 5--OMO**

## Letter From the Director

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending conferences with your teachers. Hopefully you were enlightened with an update on your child and can feel confident that the rest of the school year will be spent working on the goals set forth. Please feel free at any time to contact your teachers or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you to all the board members and volunteers, especially Jaime Herbst, our Book Fair Chair this year, who worked and helped organize our annual book fair. It was our most successful fair ever and it continues to provide quality books to our families while delivering new books to our school library. Yay for books!!

Hopefully all of our LCNS families registered on November 17<sup>th</sup> for next year's preschool programs because Open Registration for outside families begins on December 2, 2014. Registration payment is due by Monday, December 1st at 3pm to save your child's classroom spot. If you have any questions or concerns about classes for next year please feel free to contact me at any time.

We will once again participate in the annual District 103 book fair event on Saturday, **December 6th at the Lincolnshire Barnes and Noble at 11:30am**. Mrs. K and myself will conduct a half hour music and story time with all of our LCNS past and present students. Please plan to attend and help us sing. We want everyone to see what a great music program we have here at LCNS and especially see our wonderful families. Please arrive 15 minutes early so that we can begin promptly at 11:30. Thanks in advance for coming out and supporting us and we look forward to seeing you!

The winter **Music programs and parties will take place on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> for the 3's and pre-k classes and on Thursday, December 18<sup>h</sup> for the On My Own class.** Mrs. K and the children will be proud to present some of their favorite songs, chants, and poems that they have been busy learning all throughout the first semester. Parents, siblings, and any other family members are welcome to attend. Please look to your classroom teachers' news for exact times.

I want to remind Dads of our annual **Dad's Day celebration in February.** We invite our dads to come to school on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> for 3's and pre-k and Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> for the On My Own class. It usually lasts around 45 minutes. Dads come to school with their child for a project and a snack and after dad leaves we continue with the rest of our typical day. If dad cannot make it and grandpa or an uncle or close male family friend wants to attend instead they are welcome. Please no moms. Mom you will have your special day in May!

All the staff at LCNS wants to wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and happy Holiday Season.

Warmest wishes,  
Amy Morrissey  
Director, LCNS





# On My Own December



## Parent News

December will be an exciting month! We will be doing many special things.

We will begin the month with learning about Community Helpers. In the unit we discuss firefighters, mailmen, police, doctors, and nurses.

We may even have some special guests! The rest of the month we will discuss the various winter holidays and the different traditions people celebrate in their homes. We welcome families to share special stories or traditions with our class. The children will create a holiday gift and learn about the importance of giving.

## Holiday Sing

Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

10:30 Big Room

Party immediately following in the OMO classroom

*\*Parents, siblings and grandparents welcome*



**Make sure your child comes dressed and ready to go outside.**

**LABEL ALL ITEMS.**

**Please send a pair of indoor shoes and an extra bag for snow items**



Upcoming  
Fun & Learning  
In OMO  
Dramatic Play -  
Pretend to be a  
doctor, nurse,  
firefighter, or a  
police officer. Caring  
for others helps  
develop empathy.  
Art/Fine Motor  
Candy Cane Dot  
Painting - Color  
recognition  
Bell Bracelets -  
Counting  
Make dreidels and  
wreaths

**Literacy**  
*Snowy Day, Frosty's  
Friends, Hanukkah Oh  
Hanukkah, Dream  
Snow, How Do  
Dinosaurs Say Merry  
Christmas?*







## Looking Back

We enjoyed...

- learning about nutrition by sorting healthy and non-healthy foods
- playing "restaurant" and making healthy meals in our kitchen
- sensory integration with messy finger paint and exploring colors while making a class turkey with our handprints

## Important Dates

**12/2** – First day of outdoor play at beginning of day.

**12/18** – Parents and family are invited to the Winter Sing at 10:30 and party at 11:00.

**12/22 -1/4** – Winter Break



**If you will be leaving on vacation early, please let us know. We want to send home the gift your child made for you.**



# ***3's December Happenings***

## **Parent News**

Our class will begin going outside first thing after Thanksgiving.

Please bring your child dressed to play outside, including boots and snow pants if there is snow on the ground.

Our class will go outside unless it is below 25 degrees for the feels like temperature. Please always be prepared because we like to get outside whenever possible.

We will have a winter sing and holiday party on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am or 2:00pm. All are welcome!

**NO SCHOOL:**  
Monday December 22 to  
Friday January 2 for  
winter break.

## **Student News:**

December kicks off with our unit on community helpers. We will discuss doctors, firefighters, police people, mail carriers, etc... and how they help us in our community. The classroom focus will shift then to winter holidays! We will explore several different holidays through books, songs and projects related to the topic of the day.

## **Monthly Themes:**

Dec. 1-5 Community  
Helpers

Dec. 8 -19 Holidays

# ***3's December***

## **Fine Motor**

We will work on perfecting our fine motor skills through various activities in December such as cutting triangles to make an evergreen, gluing on the pieces of a fire truck and lighting the candles on a menorah with gold paint!

## **Math Skills**

The focus will continue on basic shapes through our December projects. We will practice one to one correspondence counting. Our measurement skills will be broadened as we watch our Paper Whites grown and flourish!

## **Literature**

This Is The Firefighter  
No Mail For Mitchell  
Snowy Day  
Polar Express  
How Do Dinosaurs Say  
Happy Chanukah  
Bear Stays Up For  
Christmas  
Ginger Bread Boy

## **Table Top**

Our table top will turn into a doctor's office and vet's office as the kids dress up as doctors and take care of our classroom dolls and stuffed animals! Looks for Lincoln Logs and a mitten match game at the back table!

## **Science**

We will plant paper whites and watch them grow. Discussions will follow regarding what our plants need to have in their environment to grow and thrive.

Water will move into our sensory table and we will discuss items that float vs. sink and why.





# ***3's December***

## **Looking Back...**

November was a great month! We studied nutrition and what foods are good for our bodies. We went on our very first field trip and had a wonderful time! The kids tasted strawberries and bananas and graphed which they liked the best. We made stone soup. Thanksgiving rounded out our month with watercolor turkeys and discussing what we are thankful for in our lives.



## **Questions/Concerns??**

Feel free to call, email or simply pull us aside. We are always here to help!



**Pre-K**



### **December Themes**

- \*\* Wizard of Oz**
- \*\* Holiday Craft Surprises**
- \*\* Gingerbread Fun**

### **Parent News**

**December is going to be fun, fun, fun! We start out the month with activities to prepare us for our Marriott Theater field trip to see The Wizard of Oz. Both morning and afternoon classes will go together. Please arrive at school no later than 9:00 a.m. sharp! If you are not a driver, bring your child's car seat with his/her name on it. We will have our Winter holiday party/music assembly on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.**

### **Student News**

**We have such an exciting month! We are going to turn our classroom into The Wizard of Oz by making a mural of Emerald City, the yellow brick road and a scarecrow! We get to go see the play of The Wizard of Oz at the Marriott Theater! We have a secret surprise we will work on as a holiday gift for your family, so shhh, don't tell them what it is! Make sure you practice all of your favorite songs from Mrs. K., because we are going to sing for our families in the big room and have a winter holiday party. Finally, we are going on a gingerbread hunt and making gingerbread houses!**

### **Dates to Remember**

- \* Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: LCNS @ Barnes & Noble for Dist. 103**
- Book Fair—11:30am**
- \* Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip to Wizard of Oz**
- \* Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>: No School- Staff meeting**
- \* Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Winter Holiday Party/Music program**

**Pre-K**



## **Math/Science**

As a connection to our Wizard of Oz play, we will experiment with making tornados and sugar cube rainbows! The children will observe the sunlight with prisms as well. We are going to count our way down the yellow brick road as we are off to see the wizard!

The kids will be patterning with the characters from the play as a final activity!

## **Fine Motor**

Our pincer grip will be strengthened by squeezing an eye dropper for our sugar cube science experiment. The use of crayons and markers for some holiday gifts will also aid in strengthening our fine motor skills!

## **Literature**

**The Wizard of Oz**  
**Scare Crow's Hat**  
**The Polar Express**  
**Rudolf**  
**Magic Dreidel**  
**Gingerbread**  
**Babies**  
**Gingerbread Girl**  
**The Gingerbread**  
**Boy**  
**Gingerbread**  
**Friends**

## **Reading/Writing**

We are going to write a class story called: "If I Was On The Yellow Brick Road", as a follow-up to our visit to the play. The letter of the week will be O and we will conclude the month with a letter review where we will begin to blend our letters from the beginning of the year and try to sound out and read some simple words.

**Pre-K**

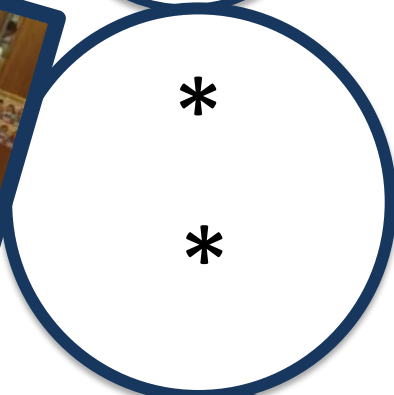
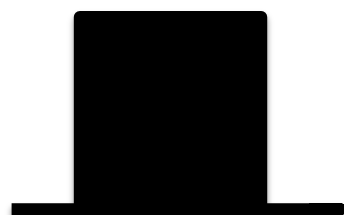


# Looking Back



**Owls in the winter sculpture!**

We had great fun playing in our pretend grocery store this month. The classroom feasts were a hit as well!



**Happy  
holidays  
& a  
healthy  
New  
Year!**

# December EAGLES News

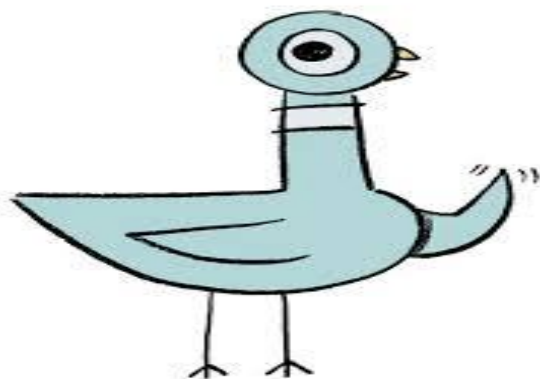
This month in EAGLES we did an author study on Mo Willems! We had so much fun reading a lot of the Pigeon books. We made busses out of the letter B after we read *Don't Let The Pigeon Drive the Bus*. We also did a writing activity where they made up what the next pigeon book would be named. Ask your child what they thought it would be called!

## Books We Read

*Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late*  
*Knuffle Bunny*  
*The Pigeon Wants a Puppy*  
*The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog*

## Centers

Identifying beginning sounds  
Name writing  
Patterning  
Letter writing  
Pigeon Puppets



Our next unit we will be looking at homes around the world!!



# December Book Club News

This month in book club we read Pete the Cat books! We did so many fun things with this unit. We made Pete the Cat which we displayed in the hall.

We also made a jacket with 4 groovy buttons out of icing, graham crackers and m&m's.

During centers the children worked on a Pete the Cat puzzle, measured things with Pete's shoes, counted buttons, played a concentration game, and made their own Pete The Cat books!

## Books We Love!!

*Pete The Cat Rocking In My School Shoes*

*Pete the Cat Thanksgiving*

*Pete The Cat 4 Groovy Buttons*

*Pete The Cat Magic Sunglasses*

*Pete The Cat I Love My White Shoes*



## BOOKS ON CD

We have been listening to a book every week on the CD player. It is a great way to engage active listening! They love hearing the different voices.

Next Unit:

**Fairy Tales**

# Music Notes

From Mrs. K

## Get ready for the LCNS Winter Sings!

Parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to join us for our annual Winter Sings, Dec. 17 & 18. This is an opportunity to observe your child's music class in conjunction with the classroom Winter Celebrations.

I am so happy with the progress all of the classes are making in music...please come to share in what your child has learned during the past few months!

Join us at the  
Barnes & Noble

Book Fair

Dec. 6

11:30

Sing-a-long and storytelling  
with Mrs. K and Mrs.  
Morrissey

### Noteworthy Music Events

There are two music programs coming to the Vernon Library. The first is a Music Together presentation on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The other is a performance by Susan Salidor on Feb. 7 at 11am.

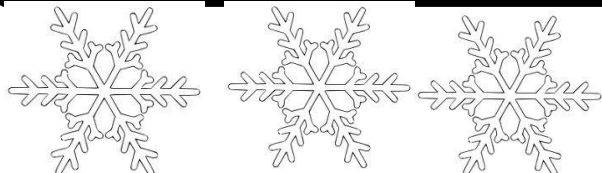
We sing some of Ms. Salidor's songs in music class! You can register for these events at the library.

### The Mitten Song

Thumbs in the thumb place (ping!)  
Fingers all together,  
This is the song we sing in mitten weather!  
(repeat)

When it's cold, it doesn't matter whether,  
Mittens are wool or made of finest leather.  
This is the song we sing in mitten weather...

Thumbs in the thumb place (ping!)  
Fingers all together,  
This is the song we sing in mitten weather!  
(repeat)



# December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Last Book Club Until January 2nd	3	4	5	6 Music and Story Time at Barnes and Nobles, Lincolnshire 11:30 AM
7	8	9	10	11 No School-Staff Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17 3's and Pre-K music program and party	18 OMO music program and party	19	20
21	22 No School-Winter Break	23 No School-Winter Break	24 No School-Winter Break	25 No School-Winter Break	26 No School-Winter Break	27 No School-Winter Break
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