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**Vacation: Monday, December 19 to January 3, 2016**

**Merry Christmas**

Dear Families,

1. **Christmas Programs:** What fun to have all the families come to school and watch the children sing and then dress up to tell the story of the birth of JESUS. Thank you to all the families that gave the teachers gifts!
2. **Special requests:** Wrapping paper rolls. The long ones that the wrapping paper is on. We use them for rocket construction. Big boxes. Bring them to school and pile them outside by the strollers. We will use them in January. Sun Butter for our snacks. This can be found at Trader Joe's.
3. Remember to shop with **smile.amazon.com** and select Mount Hermon Association when you shop on Amazon. Thanks so much!!! Thanks to Tanya for discovering this.

**Week 13 Themes:** January 4-8, 2016

- LETTER: "G", as in green, glitter, glue, goat and gorilla.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Weather as in rain and snow. Family and pets
- Miss Filey will be playing downstairs with the children in the game room with the "big boxes".
- Mrs. Zweers will be cooking on Wednesday.

**Week 14 Themes:** January 11-15, 2016

- LETTER: "S", as in science, static, snake. This is for Pre-K.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Weather as in rain and snow. Family and Pets.

**We have Monday, January 18 off.**

**Birthdays:** Here is the list dates of the birthdays that I plan to give each child a crown, so that only one child (if possible) can be the birthday person each day.

Emma Grace on Jan 19, Evie on Jan 26, Jacob on Feb 3, Nico on Feb 11, Anabelle on Feb 24 .

I have posted these dates on the big calendar on the website (<http://mounthermon.org/playschool#calendar> ). If the day that I picked is not good for you, please let me know and we can work out something else with a day that will work better for you. You may bring a treat to celebrate the birthday crown day. We suggest small, non gooey treats are great. Jello jigglers, pop corn, small cookies and cupcakes, small pieces of fruit, rice crispy treats are great!!! These are just some ideas. Remember that we are peanut free (really the only seed/nut we have at school this year is sunflower). **On MWF If you want Eliana** to eat what you bring, call her MOM, Janelle at 408.710.1290

**About FOOD ALLERGYIES:** No food can come to school with peanuts. If your child has a food allergy, please be sure you have talked to Kahleen so we can be sure our lists are up-to-date. Please also provide a birthday

treat for your child to be kept at school for any celebrations. Thanks

**Helpful tips for success at school:**

1. **BATHROOM:** The children are trying to go to the bathroom on their own, but when there are snaps and zippers, or even really tight fitting elastic in the waste of the pants, it is impossible for them to complete this task alone.
2. **SHOES:** Open shoes allow the sand to get in too easily, and there was some frustration today when the sand just would not stay out. If you have shoes that the child can take off and put on by themselves that is the best for school. Yes, I know, some of those come with all the holes for the sand to get in. Oh well, just think about it. Long shoe laces can get caught in the wheels of the trikes. Velcro and elastic can usually work, but we will help them when needed.

**Leaves:** As we slide into January, keep an eye out for leaves that are falling off trees in big piles. We love to have big piles of leaves for the children to play in, so we are asking that you bag leaves and bring them to school. Since they will be rolling in the leaves, please do NOT include oak leaves or any other that have sharp pokies on them. Thanks so much to the families that already brought leaves. The kids had a GREAT time with them!!!

Blessings to all from us: Faith Filey, Monica Zweers, Brigette Ross, Kate Wadhams and Kahleen Edeal.