

# DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



## Sing, sing a song...

Our Holiday Family Sing-a-long is fast approaching. We have very limited time to practice songs with the children. Children will be singing a mixture of both traditional holiday songs as well as songs learned at school. We will email a copy of the songs and words.

We would appreciate all efforts to practice at home.

## Holiday Gift Suggestions

Computer games, battery operated toys, toys that allow the child to just sit back and watch have become the most popular items on



Christmas wish lists. Think back to your childhood and remember your favorite board game- put that at the top of your child's wish list. Board games teach many skills: following directions, taking turns, counting, 1 to 1 correspondence, patience, sportsmanship, etc... It is also a great way for a family to spend time together. So be nostalgic this Christmas, pick up a good old fashion board game and you will be teaching your child while having family fun.

## VGNS WISH LIST

In lieu of individual gifts, the teachers have created a wish list. The list contains items for the classroom or playground. Gift cards to certain shops are also nice to have. The list is located on our website, [vgns.org](http://vgns.org). Thank you!

## Whippersnapper's

We would like to thank our families for their support of our Family Event and our board for hosting it! This was an incredibly fun night and we hope to do it again! Several families asked if this was in place our Kidcity event, it is not. We'll go to Kidcity in the spring.



Diane, Linda, Crissy, Tina,  
Laura, Rose, Dee, and  
Shannon would like to  
extend warm wishes to all

## THANK YOU!

Have you noticed the 2 new trees planted on the other side of the fence? We'd like to thank BB parent and board member, Bill Supinski for his hard work to get the trees donated! We now have a cherry tree and a maple to enjoy throughout the years.

## Check Backpacks

-Children put their library books and artwork in their backpacks.

-Sometimes left over snack is also placed in backpacks. It is important to take a few minutes after school to look through your child's backpack and it may help to encourage them to talk about their day.

-This is also good practice for when your child enters elementary school and information found in the backpack is your main source of communication.



## Have you read your Handbook?

A copy can be found on our website.

The handbook explains inclement weather policies

~includes the tax ID# for those preparing taxes

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~and shows the yearly calendar.

# FOUR YEAR-OLD CLASS

Apple Blossom Room

## Germany Day

On Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, we ask that children bring in **one spare shoe, sneaker, or slipper** to leave in their cubby during class time. Children will bring it back home at dismissal time.



## HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

The children will be "traveling" to various countries, learning how other cultures celebrate the holidays. We will use a globe to find the countries we will travel to. Children will also learn a few words in different languages. The attached calendar shows the countries we will travel to. If you would like to coordinate your snack with the country and are looking for ideas we have 2 International Cook Books in our lending library. Also, if you would like to come in and share your family's cultural tradition please let a teacher know.

## Family Sing-a-long

Wednesday, December 19

The day of the Sing-a-long:

- Parents may drop off refreshments in Memorial Hall (for our celebrations afterwards)
- After dropping off your child at the regular time in the classroom, parent may walk down to the Meetinghouse (church).
- The teachers will walk down with the children at 9:15.
- Following the sing-a-long, we will enjoy refreshments in Memorial Hall.

Class time is shortened that day as we are **ONLY** gathering for the sing-a-long and refreshments.

Families are invited. We ask that each child have at least one loved one to share the sing-a-long with. We will be singing some favorite songs learned in school as well as traditional holiday songs.

Look for sign-ups to share on Sign-Up Genius.

Snow date is Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**THERE IS NO EXTENDED DAY AFTER THE HOLIDAY PROGRAM**



**OUR LAST DAY OF THE  
SCHOOL YEAR IS  
DEC. 21<sup>st</sup>  
SCHOOL RESUMES  
THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 2, 2019!**

