



PRESCHOOL FOR ALL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021



How is it December already? Even though November was a short month, we did a lot in the time we had together. We began working on our sign study and we talked about what we know about signs. We also discussed the different characteristics of signs. We examined signs and realized that we see many of these signs when we are out in the neighborhood! We sorted the signs by shape and color and we looked at the different letters and pictures on each sign to try and figure out what each was telling us.

We also worked on some Thanksgiving activities. We made ourselves into Pilgrim boys and girls. We experimented with some fall items to see which items would sink and which would float when placed in a bowl of water. We practiced our counting skills by rolling a die and counting the number of “whipped cream dollops” (cotton balls) we put on our pumpkin pie. We also incorporated fine motor skills into this task by using tongs to place the cotton balls onto the pie.

In November, we began working on our Social-Emotional Curriculum, Al’s Pals. Our first lesson taught the students that everyone is unique and our second lesson introduced us to our puppet friend, Al, who will be stopping in to help us learn some important topics over the year. The students enjoyed meeting Al and learning some new songs. Every few weeks, a parent letter will be sent home explaining some of the topics that are being introduced.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue working on our sign study. We will talk about where signs are found, how signs help us and who works with signs. We will also enjoy some holiday activities, such as a present letter match game and a holiday bingo game.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who met with me for Parent-Teacher Conferences last week! It was so nice to see everyone and touch base about the wonderful progress all of the students have made so far!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT – GINGERBREAD HOUSES

On Tuesday, December 21, each student is invited to have one guest come to school to help make gingerbread houses. Students will arrive at school at their normal time and one parent is invited to join us at 1:15 in the gym. Please enter through the garden like we did for pumpkin decorating. Students always have a wonderful time decorating their own gingerbread houses with a variety of candy! More information will be sent home soon.

ABSENCES

Just a reminder, please report student absences to the school office by calling (708) 423-3078. Thank you for your cooperation!

SAVE THE DATE

- **Friday, December 3** – Normal day for Preschool (Grades K-8 have a 1:15 dismissal)
- **Tuesday, December 21** – Parent Involvement: Gingerbread Houses
- **Wednesday, December 22** – No Early Childhood Classes – District Early Dismissal Day
- **Thursday, December 23-Wednesday, January 5** – Winter Break
- **Thursday, January 6** – Classes resume

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me via Seesaw, call me at (708) 423-3078 or email me at cbrychel@ahsd125.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Colleen Brychel

Happy
Holidays!