

# Peter Pan Kid Bits

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## Winter Weather Gear

Weather permitting, we go outdoors every day. In order to participate in outdoor play in the snow, your child will need a warm coat, mittens or gloves, snow pants, boots, and a hat! The children's clothes and socks often get wet despite all the protective gear so please keep a complete change of clothing in your child's school bag so we can keep them warm, dry, and content in their own clothing. All winter weather gear needs to go home at the end of each day. This is necessary to allow us to keep our school clean and organized. Thank you for your cooperation.

## THE GIVING SEASON

During the month of December, all of our Peter Pan Schools will be participating in special activities to promote the act of giving and thinking of other's needs, not just our own. Each school has established a Giving Tree for accepting donations for those in need. Families are encouraged to participate by bringing in new hats, mittens, gloves, or scarves to hang on the Giving Tree. Under the Giving Tree, new, unwrapped toys or books can be donated for the Toys for Tots foundation. The valuable lesson of helping others is one which can be easily encouraged at this impressionable young age! When children bring in a donation, their teacher will help them cut and decorate a gift tag to attach to the gift. They then go as a class to take the gift to our Giving Tree. We are accepting donations now through December 16<sup>th</sup>.

During the week of December 19<sup>th</sup>, the children will be practicing their writing skills to share the Christmas Spirit with local nursing home residents. What a great way to display our children's creative talents and writing skills by making holiday cards for the elderly!

The gift of giving is yet another gift we can share with our children!

## TOYS AND COMFORT ITEMS FROM HOME

It is Peter Pan's school policy that toys from home should stay at home. We are seeing a few items from home being brought into school which is causing distractions in the classroom. Also, when these items are lost or damaged, it becomes a tragedy for the child. Please do not allow your child to bring items to school unless they are curriculum related!

For health purposes, blankets from home are no longer allowed. The school has purchased new fleece blankets for each child which are washed weekly. If necessary, your child may bring a SMALL comfort item for during nap. Each classroom has a supply stuffed animals to cuddle.

## HOLIDAY SING-A-LONGS

Invitations for our annual Sing-A-Longs were sent home with your child today. Please note that this is not a performance, but a "sing-a-long". The children are looking forward to singing our seasonal songs with their families. Afterwards, we will enjoy some refreshments. Sign-up sheets are on your child's classroom clipboard. Relax and enjoy this holiday celebration with us!



### DECEMBER TODDLER CURRICULUM

December 12-16	Winter Colors
December 19-23	Inside/Outside
December 27-30	Special Holiday Curriculum

### DECEMBER BUSY BEES CURRICULUM

December 5-9	Circular Sensations
December 12-23	Gift Givers
December 27-30	Special Holiday Curriculum

### DECEMBER LITTLE LEARNERS CURRICULUM

December 5-9	Colors and Shapes Galore
December 12-23	'Tis the Season
December 27-30	Special Holiday Curriculum

### DECEMBER PRE-KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

December 5-9	Winter Festival
December 12-23	Warm & Fuzzy Bears
December 27-30	Special Holiday Curriculum

## JOLLY PHONICS AND HAND WRITING WITHOUT TEARS

THE PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSES HAVE STARTED TO UTILIZE TWO NEW CURRICULUM COMPONENTS ~ JOLLY PHONICS AND HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS. JOLLY PHONICS USES ACTIONS AND SONGS TO REINFORCE THE LETTER / SOUND RELATIONSHIP. HAND WRITING WITHOUT TEARS FOCUSES ON TEACHING PROPER LETTER FORMATION. CURRICULUM COMPONENTS ARE ON DISPLAY IN THE PRE-K CLASSROOMS.