



CLEMENT TIMES

November-December 2008 Issue

Happy Holidays!

As Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our dedicated teachers, our hard working staff, and you, our wonderful and caring families. Your children's smiles brighten our days, and your care and support make Clement such a great place for learning and fun.



From all of us, here at Clement, have a safe and happy holiday season.

Mrs. Shahana Shah
Mrs. Susan Gardner

Holiday Stress Relievers

1. Create realistic expectations -- don't try to make this the perfect holiday.
2. Learn to say "no" to extra obligations that might stress you out.
3. Take short relaxation breaks to let go of tension.
4. Get involved in a volunteer activity where you help others.
5. Tap into your natural creativity and create a hand-made gift.
6. Eat and drink sensibly, and get plenty of exercise and sleep.
7. Practice being a peacemaker if family squabbles erupt.
8. Balance your spending of time and money to improve your quality of life.
9. Create a new holiday tradition that builds connections among your family and friends.
10. Reflect on the deeper meaning and spirit of the holidays for you personally, for your family, and for humanity and the world.



Important Dates

November 11, Tues:	Veterans Day – No School
November 27/28, Thurs & Fri:	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
December 4/5, Thurs & Fri:	Holiday Helper Extended Day
December 11/12, Thurs & Fri:	Holiday Helper Extended Day
December 16/17, Tues & Wed:	Grand Holiday Sing-A-Long
December 18, Thurs:	Holiday Break begins – Classes do not meet.
January 5, Mon:	Classes resume



November Items of Study: Preschool & Pre-K

Themes: Healthy Living and 5 Senses, Dental Health
Holiday: Thanksgiving Shape: Triangle, Cornucopia
Letters: Nn, Tt Numeral: 4
Colors: Fall colors Preposition: In, Out
Math: 2 group classification Thanksgiving Shared Feast



December Items of Study: Preschool & Pre-K

Themes: One World – Sharing Culture
Holiday: All December Holidays Shape: Star, Bell
Letters: Cc, Ss Numeral: 5
Colors: Red, Green, Gold Preposition: Over, Under
Math: A-B Patterning Santa Sing-A-Long

Sing-a-Longs

Join us at 9:40am on Thursdays and Fridays for Sing-A-Long.
November 13, 14, 20 and 21 and on December 11 and 12, 16 and 17.

Holiday Celebrations

November – Preschool honors Thanksgiving and Jr. K honors Native American Day

We are honoring Native American Day on November 25 and 26 by hosting a *Thanksgiving Shared Friendship Feast*. This event is a classroom activity for our students. The children prepare a dish or two to share with another class. Your child's teacher will be sending a note home with a request for a few items such as fruit, muffin mix or salad items to help with the feast. The children play a significant role in the planning and execution of this activity; so be prepared as they may want to play a bigger role in your holiday preparations at home!



Dismissal time will be 11:40am.

December – Grand Holiday Sing-A-Long

Grand Holiday Sing-a-Long will be held on December 16 & 17 (Tuesday/Wednesday) at 11:00am. Please mark your calendars for this special event. This special holiday sing-a-long will be held on your child's last day of school before the Holiday Break. This will be an early dismissal day.



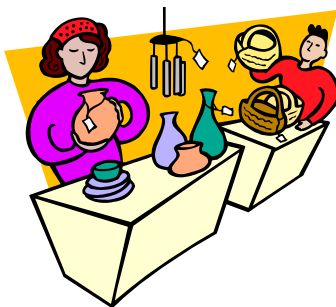
Innisbrook Fundraiser

Our Fall Innisbrook fundraiser was a wonderful success! Our thanks go to all the families who supported Clement either by getting orders or making a donation to the school. Those who sold over 9 items were included in a raffle this year. The Larson family won the wonderful gift basket from Innisbrook. Congratulations! Delivery is scheduled for mid-November.

Best of the Bay

KRON TV 4 has awarded us Best Preschool in Santa Clara County. A big thank you to all the parents and those in the community who voted for us! The segment will be aired on Sunday, November 23rd at 5:30pm. Don't miss it!

Holiday Helper - Extended Days in December



Need more time to do your holiday shopping? On December 4 and 5 (Thursday/Friday) and December 11 and 12 (Thursday/Friday) Clement will offer an extended day program immediately following morning classes until 2:00pm to help parents find those few extra hours to do those last minute holiday errands. Children will bring lunch (no peanut products please), and enjoy a fun afternoon under the supervision of Clement teachers. Students must be picked up by 2:15pm. There will be a charge of \$25.00 for each day. A flyer will be sent home the last week of November for sign ups.

There will be no Lunch Bunch available during December. We will resume in January.



JR Kindergarten Newsflash

We had a great time in October. We had a visit from the **Bat Lady** who entertained us with interesting facts about bats and taught us the Mosquito-Bat Echo Location game. Our field trip to the **Uesugi Pumpkin Patch** was a hit with students and parents alike. While we were there, we watched a short film about the life of a pumpkin, took a ride on the train and walked through a corn maze. Then we picked out a special pumpkin to take home.

Now we are busy planning for our **Native American Day** shared feast. The teachers will send out notices to our families to let them know how to help. Also in November, we will make placemats for **Meals-on-Wheels** to be used for Thanksgiving. The Meals-on-Wheels representative visits our classroom and includes the children in a dramatization showing what happens after their placemats leave the school and are delivered with meals. It helps the children understand the joy of giving.

November Items of Study: Junior Kindergarten

Themes: Fall Harvest, Native Americans and Pilgrims, Thanksgiving
"Let's be Thankful", Nutrition and Food

Phonics: Beginning consonants

Letters: Ll, li, Tt

Colors: Fall season colors

Math: Counting to 30, 4+ group classification and comparisons



December Items of Study: Junior Kindergarten

Themes: Christmas Around the World, Kwanza, Hanukkah

Phonics: Continue beginning consonants

Letters: Ee, Ss

Colors: Red, Green, Gold

Math: Counting to 40, 4 part sequencing, seriation, home phone number

Reminders

- Label your child's sweater, jacket, and backpack with their name.
- If you are sending paperwork back to school in your child's backpack, please let the office know. The teachers do not check backpacks for paperwork.
- Please go to our website and click on the link on the left side, "Newsletters", to sign up if you haven't already done so. Subscribe to get the online newsletters and reminders. An e-mail Blast has been sent out to those parents who gave their emails to the office. Be sure to look in your spam folder if you did not receive it.



Have a safe and happy holiday!