

CLEMENT TIMES

December 2009 Issue

Holidays are a special time for families and celebrations. Our classes enjoyed sharing a special Thanksgiving meal with their friends, that they helped prepare, and wearing very colorful pilgrim, turkey or Native American costumes.

As we look forward to our December Holidays, take time out to enjoy some simple pleasures with your families. From our Clement family to yours, have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Mrs. Susan Gardner
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Registration for Fall 2010!

- Saturday, January 23: Registration – returning families 9:00 – 11:00 am
- Saturday, January 30: Registration – new families 9:00 – 11:00 am

Tell your friends, neighbors, and family members about Clement School and invite them to register their children here. Encourage them to visit our website and schedule a tour to learn more about us.

NEW January Class Opening – HURRY!

Clement is offering a new class in January for children ages 2 ½ - 3 ½ years on Tuesday/Thursday mornings. This is a great opportunity for families who wanted to have their children enrolled in the fall, but were not able to because of potty training readiness or other issues. If you or your neighbors are interested, please call the office and we'll put your name on the list.

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 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

December 3&4, Th.& Fri:	Holiday Helper Extended Day
December 10&11, Th.& Fri:	Holiday Helper Extended Day
December 10&11, Th.& Fri:	Sing-a-long 9:40am
December 15, Tues:	Grand Holiday Sing-A-Long, 10:30am PreS/PreK
December 16, Wed:	Grand Holiday Sing-A-Long, 10:30am PreS/PreK; 12:15pm JrK
December 17 – Jan 3 rd :	Holiday Break begins – Classes do not meet.
January 4, Mon:	Classes Resume

2nd Harvest Food Drive

2nd Harvest Food barrels will be at school Nov. 30th through December 11th. This is a wonderful way to teach our children about sharing with those that are less fortunate. Dry goods only.

December Items of Study: Preschool & Pre-K

Themes: One World, Many Cultures

Letters: Cc, Ss; Number 5; Colors: red, green, gold; Shapes: star, bell, Preposition: over, under

Math: A-B patterning

Grand Holiday Sing-A-Long

Grand Holiday Sing-a-Longs will be held on **December 15 & 16** (Tuesday/Wednesday) at **10:30 am for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes and 12:15pm for Junior Kindergarten.**

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 for Preschool and Pre-kindergarten classes.

Holiday Helper – Extended Days in December

Need more time to do your holiday shopping? On December 3 and 4 (Thursday/Friday) and December 10 and 11 (Thursday/Friday) Clement will offer an extended day program immediately following morning classes until 2:00 pm to help parents find those few extra hours to do 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 2:15 pm. There will be a charge of \$25.00 for each day. We need a minimum of 8 students to form a class. Our December 11th class is already full.

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

Progress Reports

Clement will be sending home progress reports to informally touch base with parents on our preliminary observations that we are seeing in the classroom. We will still have our formal parent conferences in March. Again, this is only informational for you as we are still working on many of the items with your children.

December Items of Study: Junior Kindergarten

Themes: Holidays around the world, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Christmas

Letters: Ee, Ss; Colors: red, green, gold; phonics and reading site words; review prepositions;

Math – counting to 40; 4 part sequencing, seriation, concept of time; Holiday Song presentation to parents

Reminders:

- Label your child's sweater, jacket, and backpack with their name.
- Please watch out for pedestrians in our parking lot and driveway.
- Accidents happen – if you have any clothes/shoes you would like to donate in case of potty accidents, please send them in.
- Keeping healthy – please do not send your child to school if she/he has any of the following symptoms: sore throat, fever, vomiting in the past 24 hours, a runny nose that is thick and discolored and or extreme coughing fits.

Let's work together to keep all our children and staff healthy!

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!