



**Smart Bear
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Smart Bear Learning News

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From the Office:

Hello Smart Bear Families,

Wishing you happy holidays! We would like to remind you, please remember to bring coats and boots (if you would like your children to play in the snow on warmer days) according to the weather.

We have also set up our teachers stockings. If you would like to give them a holiday gift, feel free to place them in their stockings hanging on the mantle.

Also keep in mind of the events coming up and the days that we are closed and closed early! We would also like to welcome our new teachers: Ms Marisa in Pre-K and Mrs. Misty in Toddlers. Stop by and say hi!

This month we will be helping a local shelter called Ready to Work-Aurora. This shelter focuses on getting the homeless back in the workforce. There is a list of items needed on the donation box located up front. Please have all items brought in by Friday, December 14th.

Warm Wishes,

Colleen, Whitney, Laura & Smart Bear Learning Staff

Kids Corner



Pre-School

It's December! This month is going to be so much fun. We will be learning about holidays all over the world and crystals. With the holiday season, please make sure to pay attention to announcements we post on the white board. We would like to welcome Addison, Kiya, Will, and D'Angelo to our classroom!

Amissi & Amber

Early Learners

Happy Holidays from Early Learners. Welcome December. We cannot wait for all of our conversations on crystals for science as well as our use of our Live Actions cart, light table, and science cart in the classroom. Our theme of holidays around the world will help us learn about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, St. Lucia day, and Christmas. Our holiday crafts are going to bring so much joy and season greetings to all of our kiddos.

Sarah & Anu

Science

It is so exciting to work with your children as we explore the world together through science. We are learning basic science vocabulary words like: hypothesis, discover, change, and reaction. In December, we will continue this learning as we look at crystals and minerals. We have already made salt crustals in Preschool and Pre-K. NOTE: for a project coming up we need plastic lids like the ones on sour cream, cottage cheese, or deli containers. Thanks in advance. -Ms Karen

Word of the Month:

Holiday



November Birthdays

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Kiya - 12/1

Addison - 12/1

Will - 12/12

Toddlers

Happy holidays from the Toddler room. We would like to welcome Bridget and Madelyn to our classroom! This month we will be learning about holidays around the world and ice crystals. How FUN! We have so many fun activities planned for this month and we cannot wait!

Ms. Jen, Mrs. Eryn, Mrs. Misty

Transition Room

Transition parents,
HO HO HO

This month is all about ice, crystals and different holidays around the world. We will be working with snow and creating some beautiful holiday art! We would like to welcome James to the transition classroom! We are so happy to have you join us!

Ms. Pennie

Pre-K

Pre-K Families!

Happy Holidays! December is always such a fun and busy month! This month our theme is Holidays around the world and crystals. We are focusing on letters Q, G, and S and numbers 10 and 11. Our shape is triangle and colors are green and red. We will be doing different crafts for different holidays over the month. The kids will learn about different crystals and how they are made and they will be making crystals of their own. Also we would like to welcome our new friends Caleb, Brielle, Zarek, and Parker!

-Ms. Natalie, Ms. Marissa and Harold

Infants

Hello Infant parents!!

This month, we will be learning about ice, winter, geodes and crystals, and holidays around the world. We will be growing crystals and learning about how rocks form. We will be using our senses to investigate ice and snow. Please remember to stock your child's cubby with both warm and cool clothes, as our classroom can get a little warm.

Sparklynn & Amanda

Upcoming Events:

- December 12th: Polar Express day (PJ day!)
- December 14th: ZUMBA
- December 15th: Breakfast with Santa
- December 15th: Parents DAY out (12-4)
- December 24th: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
- December 25th: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
- December 31st: HALF DAY 6:30am-2pm



Cathy's Corner



Christmas Reindeer Crack!

Ingredients

- 3 cups salted pretzels
- 2 cups bugles
- 2 cups fritos
- 1 cup Chex mix
- 1 cup roasted peanuts
- 1 1/2 cups M&Ms
- 1 pack of white chocolate bark or melting chocolate (i used Ghirardelli melting chocolate)

Instructions

1. In a Large bowl pour your Pretzels, Fritos, Bugles, Chex Mix, Peanuts & M&M's..
2. Place the melting chocolate or bark in a bowl & microwave for 90 seconds. Stir and, if needed, heat an additional 15 seconds until it's smooth and creamy. watch it closely, keep stopping to stir , it burns easily if you use this way! I recommend using a double boiler, easier and you always get perfect melted chocolate.
3. Drizzle melted chocolate over the mixture in the bowl and mix around to coat it all.
4. Once fully coated, take a large cookie sheet and pour coated mixture onto the sheet and spread it out and allow to cool completely.
5. Once cooled, break into pieces.
6. Store in an air tight container- does NOT need to be refrigerated.
7. ENJOY!