



**“Every child is Gifted ♥ they just unwrap their packages at different times.”- Unknown**

Dear Tiny Thinkers Families,

December is here, marking the final month of 2024! It's a season of joy, filled with celebrations and traditions from around the world. Tiny Thinkers Preschool wishes you and your loved ones a **Happy Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas Day, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Diwali**, or any other special holiday you celebrate during this time. We hope you have a safe and wonderful season.

We're excited to share the fun and festive events planned for this month! If your family is planning a vacation, please let us know in advance. As a reminder, **Tiny Thinkers does not provide pro-rate tuition for vacation time.**

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, family members, and friends who contributed to our annual food drive. Your generosity and continued support mean so much to us. We also deeply appreciate those who go the extra mile to make our events even more special for our Tiny Thinkers.

Here's a sneak peek at the exciting activities we have lined up for this month:

1. **Wrapped Book Event**

Our Annual Wrapped Book Event is here! Parents, please bring a wrapped book for your child to receive from Santa during our Holiday Program. The book must be:

- **Wrapped and labeled:**

*To: (Your child's first and last name)*

*From: Santa.*

- **Turned into your child's teacher by Thursday, 12/19/2024.**

If you are unable to participate, let the administration know, and we will ensure every child receives a book from Santa. Donations of wrapped books for other children are welcome; label them *from: Santa*. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

2. **Holiday Program & Santa's Visit**

Join us for our Annual Holiday Program on **Friday, 12/20/2024**, live streamed on Facebook and Instagram at **10:00 AM**.

- For families who have opted out of social media postings, a **Special Event Social Media Permission Form** will be available if you would like to grant permission for this event. If you prefer to remain opted out, please complete the form to confirm your choice.
- Tiny Thinkers North Hills students will travel to New Horizons, where the children will sing holiday songs, meet Santa, and receive their wrapped books.
- Parents interested in volunteering should inform their child's teacher. **Please note only parents volunteering will be allowed on campus.**

3. **Holiday Potluck**

Tiny Thinkers will celebrate Christmas Eve with a festive potluck! A sign-up sheet will be provided a week before the event. All food items should be delivered by **11:00 AM** on the day of the celebration.

4. **Christmas Eve Early Closure**

On **Tuesday, 12/24/2024**, school will close promptly at **2:00 PM**. Please plan to pick up your child on time to avoid a late fee of \$1.00 per minute.

### 5. **Christmas Day School Closed**

School will be closed on **Wednesday, 12/25/2024**, in observance of Christmas Day. Classes will resume on **Thursday, 12/26/2024**. Have a safe and joyful holiday with your loved ones!

### 6. **New Year's Eve Early Closure**

On **Tuesday, 12/31/2024**, school will close promptly at **2:00 PM**. Please pick up your child on time to avoid a late fee of \$1.00 per minute.

### 7. **New Year's Day School Closed**

School will be closed on **Wednesday, 1/1/2025**, in observance of New Year's Day. Classes will resume on **Thursday, 1/2/2025**. Wishing you a safe and joyful start to the new year!

## **Resources for Parents**

This section provides valuable information on illnesses to watch for and helpful resources for families.

### 1. **Gastroenteritis**

- **What is it?** Gastroenteritis, also known as stomach flu, is an inflammation of the stomach and intestines.
- **Main Symptoms:** Vomiting and diarrhea, which can lead to dehydration if not managed.
- **Causes:** Viruses, bacteria, parasites, certain medications, chemicals, or food reactions. While not usually severe, proper hydration and care are essential.

### 2. **Bronchitis**

- **What is it?** Bronchitis is the inflammation of the bronchial tubes, which carry air to and from the lungs. It often follows a cold or respiratory infection.
- **Main Symptoms:** A persistent cough that produces thickened mucus.

### 3. **Influenza (Flu)**

- **What is it?** The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that affect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs.
- **Impact:** Influenza can lead to more severe complications, especially in children and vulnerable individuals.

### 4. **Pneumonia**

- **What is it?** Pneumonia is a lung infection that causes the air sacs (alveoli) to fill with fluids or pus.
- **Causes:** Bacteria, viruses, or fungi.
- **Complications:** Illnesses like influenza can lead to pneumonia, which may become life-threatening if untreated. When combined with other illnesses, the risks increase significantly.

These illnesses can seriously affect children. It is important to stay informed and take preventive measures. For more detailed information, explore the helpful links below.

- <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/bronchitis.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/symptoms.htm>
- <https://www.nfid.org/infectious-diseases/flu-and-children/>
- <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/pneumonia.html>
- <https://sites.iamanetwork.com/spanish-patient-pages/2016/hoja-para-el-paciente-de-jama-160209.pdf>
- <https://www.mayoclinic.org/es/diseases-conditions/bronchitis/symptoms-causes/syc-20355566>
- [https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/influenza-\(seasonal\)](https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/influenza-(seasonal))

We encourage parents and guardians to actively engage with their children and explore what they've been learning in preschool. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference in their growth and development.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration. We look forward to continuing this journey together, nurturing a lifelong love of learning and curiosity in your children.

## December Reminders:

- **Lost and Found:** Any lost items will be displayed daily. If unclaimed after two weeks, they will be donated to a local church or social service agency.
- **Stay Informed:** Visit our website or check the parent board for updates on upcoming events listed in the monthly newsletter.
- **Medication Policy:** All medications, including Tylenol, Motrin, Pedialyte, or physician-prescribed medications, must be brought in their original containers with a completed medication consent form. Please avoid placing medication in your child's bag without notifying the teacher.
- **24-Hour Illness Rule:** Children who have shown signs of illness in the past 24 hours may not attend class. If your child is not well enough to participate in all aspects of the daily schedule, please keep them at home.
- **Naptime Essentials:** Per CDSS licensing requirements, all children must have a fitted crib sheet (28 in x 52 in) and a small blanket for naptime.
- **Questions or Concerns:** Please address any questions or concerns via email or phone with your child's school.

**Important Note:** The school does not offer make-up or substitute days for absences. No refunds are provided for missed days due to vacations, illnesses, holidays, or school closures. Tuition is not pro-rated under these circumstances.

If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to us by email or phone.

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## Teachers Corner

**This month our focus topic will be:**

Theme: Farm Animals; Music & Movement; Winter; Holidays Around the World; Hibernation

Letter: (Ladybugs & Butterflies) H; I; J (BB1 & BB2) Oo & Pp; Qq & Rr; Ss & Tt

Number: (Ladybugs & Butterflies) 7; 8; 9; (BB1 & BB2) 14 & 17; 16 & 17; 18 & 19

Color: Yellow+Green=Light Green; Red; Purple

Shape: Rectangle; Rhombus; Pentagon

Cooking: Barn Graham Cracker; Snowman Pudding Cups; Bear Cave Crackers

Science: Fizzing Turkey; Water Xylophone; Hanukkah Melting Menorah

Sign Language: Pig & Cow; Jump & Snow; Family, Lights & Bear

Sight Words: Are & Now; Is & How; Find & This

Spanish Vocabulario: Caballo & Granja; Blanco, invierno, Hombre de Hielo, Frio; Navidad, familia, amigos, caridad, piñata

Canción en español: El Viejo McDonald Tenía una Granja; Lluvia Vete Ya; Arroz con Leche

Songs: The Animals on the Farm; Stomp & Clap Dance; Row Row Row Your Boat

Character of Education: Be a Good Sport; Be a Good Friend; Be a Helper; Forgive & Forget; Share Your Toys

Sensory: Farm Animal Bin; Paper Bin; Dirt & Mud Experience

Outdoor Painting: Painting with Nature Paint Brushes; String painting; Spray Painting

Outdoor Gross Motor Skills: Carry the Ball with your Partner; Sack Potato; Put the Ball in the Cone

Recyclable Project: Water Bottle FARM ANIMAL; Aluminum can DRUMS; Toilet Paper TREE



**Happy Birthday to everyone  
born in this month of December**



*On your special day, that is your birthday, we wish the best of wishes. We hope that you spend your special day with your loved ones and family. We hope that all your wishes come true.*



**Sat. 12/21/2024** Winter Season Begins

**Fri. 12/20/2024** Holiday Program Santas Visit 10:00 am

**Tues. 12/24/2024** Holiday Potluck @11:00 a.m.

**Tues. 12/24/2024** Christmas Eve School Closes at 2 p.m.

**Wed. 12/25/2024** Christmas Day School Closed

**Tues. 12/31/2024** New Years Eve School Closes at

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