# **Classroom Corner**

This section is written by the Merryhill teachers. It is a place for you to find specific information about your child's classroom.

#### <u>Infants</u>

Ms. Amber, Ms. Jen, Ms. Michele & Ms. Jessica

The Infant room had a great November! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Last month the babies wrote a letter to their friends, telling them how thankful they are in the same class. The babies used large crayons and markers to make their personal notes. Now that December is here we will be exploring different textures. The infants will be exposed to play dough, paint, textured shaped and more! Have you noticed it is getting cold outside? We might be getting snow in the Infant room! We hope that the babies will enjoy playing with pretend snow. We hope to see all of you on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> when Santa comes.

### Toddler A

Ms. Lala, Ms. Kimberly, Ms. Makenna

We had some wonderful fall festivities. We had a grateful Thanksgiving Feast with our friends and families and we made Friendship Soup with all of the veggies that you contributed. The children loved it! This month we will learn about winter. We will go Eskimo fishing in the dramatic play area that will be transformed into our igloo. We will wear hats and winter clothes to be warm. We will decorate our windows with snowmen made with our footprints and snowflakes that we painted on the easel. In the sensory center we will have cooked pasta in the shape of gifts, Christmas trees, shooting stars, mistletoe and candlestick. We will scoop and exercise our fine motor skills. We look forward to our Polar Express week. We will read the book and draw a picture of The Polar Express. We will turn on a flashlight and move it up and down so we can see the dark sky of the North Pole. Then we will have a snowball fight using pom pom ball and end the week with pajama day so we can ride "The Polar Express." Happy 1st birthday Diego! Mark your calendar and join us for Breakfast with Santa on the 12th.

#### Toddler B

Ms. Lilia & Ms. Courtney

November came and went by so fast. We were so busy having fun, learning and celebrating Veteran's Day, Family Feast and Friendship soup. In November we welcomed into our classroom Miss Courtney and our new friend Emilia. We are so excited to get to know them better.

This month the toddlers will continue working on building vocabulary, counting 1-10 with the teacher, understanding number concepts of one and two and pointing to and naming shapes and colors. We will also practice remembering where things are kept and understanding the concepts of up and down. Wow! The toddlers will refine these skills and more while learning about "Things That Go".

Please be sure to check the Events Board in the lobby. There are so many fun events in December: Breakfast with Santa, Polar Express Week, Pajama Day and a Class Party (keep an eye out for sign-ups.) You do not want to miss anything.

## Beginner A

Ms. Elizabeth, Ms. Tracy & Ms. Jacquie

The Beginner A class has been busy this fall season. We have celebrated a few birthdays this month; everyone is growing up so fast! The beginners also learned about the different special holidays that our families celebrate in the fall season. Our focus last month in our class was shapes and colors. Most of our friends can name some of the common shapes and colors, if not all of them! We have also started counting all the way up to 20. This the season changing our class had the opportunity to explore and talk about the new color leafs. We also explored pumpkins, grounds and pine cones. Since November is the month of Thanksgiving, We talking about being "Thankful" and showed it by having a family feast. As we move into December, we have a lot to do! We will be learning about Christmas around the world as well as the many other holiday traditions such as Hanukah and Kwanza. We are looking forward to performing our holiday program for our families in our class on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget, we have a special guest coming on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you for breakfast with him.