



THE HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

“Love is the rule in our school!”

January 2009

The staff of the Helen G. Muir Child Development Center wishes you and your family a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

The following are important dates to remember in January –

January 5 - Preschool & Child care reopens from Winter Break.

January 19 - Martin Luther King Day – Preschool closed,
Child care open for full time students.



See you in 2009!!

Norma Topping
Director



TERRIFIC TWO ½s

What a magical time of year, and a special place to be, to experience Christmas through the eyes of a child. Our class had wonderful month learning about gingerbread men, reindeer, and the color of Santa’s suit – RED!!! We welcomed a new friend to our class, Lilly, who already feels a part of our pre-school family. Santa’s visit to our pre-school was met with many smiles and the boys and girls even got to sit on his knee. What fun!

A big “THANK YOU” goes out to our wonderful parents who donated their time and goodies for our very special Christmas program.

In January our class will be exploring snowflakes and snowmen as we continue to learn more each day!



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from the Terrific 2 ½s!

Mrs. Debbie Wheelless
Mrs. Chandra Parker

THRILLING THREES

Like much of 2008, December flew by like “8 little reindeer pulling Santa’s sleigh.” Santa’s little helpers spent much of the month preparing for the “big day”! Our senses were in overdrive with the sights, sounds, and smells of Christmas. Evergreen boughs, peppermint wreaths, cinnamon ornaments, and jingle bells filled our classroom with the season.

We really enjoyed learning about and looking at pictures of real reindeer in the magazine “Your Big Backyard”. Did you know that in some parts of the world reindeer are called caribou? Reindeer live in large groups called herds. They have thick fur coats that keep them warm and toasty no matter how cold it gets and wide feet that make it easier to walk in the snow.

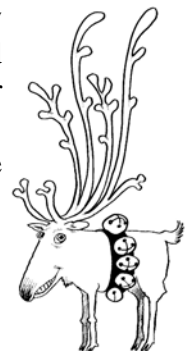
A reindeer riddle: What kind of deer carries an umbrella? A Rain-Deer! Ho! Ho! Ho!

The Christmas pageant lovingly prepared by the children of the preschool was the culmination of our festivities, and certainly the highlight!

We will return in January to continue our journey of learning, playing, and growing. Snow people, snow, penguins, mittens, ice and all other things “winter” will fill our classroom this month.

Wishing you a year of love, peace and joy!

Mrs. Michele Aravich
Mrs. Ashley Wright





MAGNIFICENT FOURS

Our month of December began with a visit from Santa and the arrival of our new students. We spent the month getting acquainted with each other and adjusting to a full classroom!

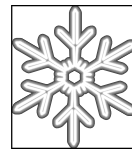
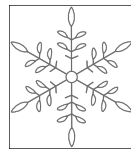
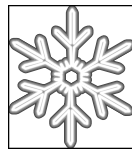
Our Doors to Discovery curriculum, "Build It Big" has shown us many ways shapes are a part of all the buildings that we see. We also saw the importance of trucks and tools and their many functions. We had fun sanding wood, hammering nails and building at our construction site.

Our halls have been full of Christmas cheer as the children practice for our program. We have painted Christmas trees, made Santa's dancing on our walls, and bells ringing on our door. We received our first gift of Christmas after reading "The Polar Express". What a surprise to find a box wrapped in red ribbon and a letter from Santa addressed to our class. Inside the box was a bell for each of us with a note that said TRULY BELIEVE!

As Christmas approaches, we would like to thank our parents for sharing their children with us. They are the best gift of all!

May God bless each of you this season and Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Susan Minter
Mrs. Heather Secrist



FANTASTIC FOURS

Ho! Ho! And Merry Christmas. We have had a very active month. In addition to our regular curriculum we have been very busy getting ready for the holiday. Santa came to entertain the children which was a wonderful treat for the season. The children have been working on our Christmas program, making great decorations and learning the true meaning of the season, our savior Jesus Christ.

Tabby Tiger has taken us on a lesson of building. We have talked about construction tools and machinery, how they work and what they do. The children have been able to look and work with tools. Next month Tabby will talk about staying healthy.

We look forward to a very busy new year as we continue getting your angels ready for kindergarten.

We hope everyone has a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Mrs. Kate Radermacher
Mrs. Nicole Kelly

