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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! What a wonderful performance our students gave at the Christmas Program! They always do such an amazing job! And thank you, teachers, for all the practice, practice, practice sessions of the songs in your classrooms! You were probably singing them in your sleep!! Thank you, parents, for your generous donations of food for the reception! Another big thank you goes out to our reception chair and co-chair, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Lewis, and our terrific room mothers!

With December coming to an end, we are very sad to say good-bye to Pastor Suzy. She has been an important part of our student's lives during chapel for ten years. The children have so enjoyed her stories. We will miss her and keep her in our prayers!

We are looking forward to January and hopefully, a visit from Suzy Snowflake (a song we sing at music)!

God's blessings to you
and yours in 2010!!

Norma Topping
Director



The following are important dates to remember in January

- January 4 - Preschool and day care reopen following Christmas break.
- January 18 - Martin Luther King Day - Preschool Closed—day care open for full time students.



Terrific Two's

The terrific two's cannot believe that 2009 had come and gone so quickly and how much our class has learned in these past few months. Our Christmas program was wonderful and the two's rendition of "Jingle Bells" was truly something to hear! Thank you to our wonderful parents who donated food to the reception following the program and for all of your help so far this year in support of our class.

January is right around the corner and we look forward to a new year filled with new adventures in learning. In January our color of the month will be white (think snow) and our shape will be an oval. Ms. Glass and I wish everyone a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Mrs. Chandra Washington-Palmer
Ms. Ruth Glass





Thrilling Three's



Like much of 2009, December flew by like just "8 little reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh." Santa's little helpers in the Thrilling three's classroom 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 wreath, holiday cookies, and jingle bells filled our classroom.

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 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 a culmination of our festivities and certainly the highlight! A big "thank-you" goes out to our wonderful parents who donated their time and goodies for the reception following the program.

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

Wishing you love, peace, and joy!



Mrs. Michele Aravich

Mrs. Gail Carnes

Magnificent Four's

Fantastic Four's

Tabby Tiger has taken us on a trip to the diner. We have learned about healthy foods, made pizzas, and learned that we like different foods. We have been working hard to learn the letters G, H, & I. Ask your child to sing the letter song for you.

Al has taught us how to brainstorm and how to make healthy choices and that it is ok to be different.

Thank you to all of our parents that helped to make the Christmas program reception such a success. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Nicole Kelly

Mrs. Kimberly Allen

The Month of December has flown by. We have been busy decorating our halls and filling our classroom with holiday cheer!

This month our class learned about healthy choices with Al and his friends. They have taught us about being different and the same, as well as controlling our feelings. Al and his friends introduced us to "Al's Place" where we can sit and calm down if we need to.

In our Doors to Discovery curriculum we have wrapped up our unit on diners and began "Build it big". Our class has also been very preparing for our Christmas program which was a big success. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who helped out with our reception.

May God bless each of you this season and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year as we continue our learning adventure.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Sarah Ramos

