

# The Vaquita Vine

December 2025

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## Important Dates

- 12/5 - Mini Hibernation Celebration (Kindergarteners may wear pajamas to school!)
- 12/9 - Santa Secret Shop
- 12/12 - CSA Spirit Wear Day: Ugly Christmas Sweaters
- 12/16 - Kindergarten Christmas Concert: 2:00pm
- 12/20 - Christmas Party: Christmas Spirit Wear
- 12/22-1/2 - Christmas Break
- 1/5 - School Resumes



## Christmas Party

Our Christmas party is Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Students may wear dress up in fun Christmas attire this Day! More information will be emailed out soon but we're collecting a \$3-5 donation to help cover the costs of food and supplies. Thank you in advance for helping to make this day a success.



## Christmas Concert

Our Kindergarten Christmas concert will be Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the gym! We hope to see you there!

**Students may where formal Christmas attire to school this day.** Please refrain from sending your child with distracting Christmas headpieces or clothing that may take away from the professional look of their first concert.







## December Learning Targets

Here's what the Vaquita kids are working on this month:

### Science and Social Studies

- Beginning our investigation of animals that hibernate, migrate, and adapt & having a mini hibernation celebration
- Learning about Holiday traditions from around the globe and seeing what they have in common with our own traditions
- Learning about the four seasons and why have seasons

### Math:

- Using partners numbers to make and take apart combinations of 5-10 and writing number sentences
- Counting to 100 by 1's, 10's and 5's

### Literacy

- Working on strategies to read emergent level 'pattern books'
- Learning how readers:
  - Listen for repeat, rhythm and rhyme in pattern texts
  - Notice how pictures change and think about how the pattern might change within the text

### Writing:

- Learning how writers write sentences, use a vowel chart to help them spell and use popcorn words in their writing



## 50th Day of School Fun

In November, we celebrated our 50th Day of School with a super swingin' 1950s-themed party, and it was an absolute blast! Students spent the day stepping back in time - enjoying root beer floats, stacking 50 cups into tall towers, dancing at our mini sock hop, and even trying their best bubble-gum blowing skills. They also made bead bracelets, counted their way to 50 in fun and creative ways, and enjoyed a special 50s-themed snack. It was such a joyful celebration of how far we've come in 50 days of learning, growing, and having fun together!



## Character Corner

### — GENEROSITY—

Together, we will explore what generosity means and how it helps us show kindness, empathy, and care for others. We'll talk about how sharing our time, talents, and helping hands contributes to the well-being of our classroom and community. Ask your child how they can be generous at school and at home!

### — PERSISTING—

At CSA, persisting is a core habit of mind and connects directly to the character traits of optimism and work ethic. Sticking with a task through frustration, staying focused, and finding new strategies when stuck aren't easy for young learners—but they are powerful skills that build confidence and independence. We encourage children to look for solutions, ask thoughtful questions, and never give up. Ask your child how they persevere when something feels challenging!