

Risso Review

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In November, we came together to make our own version of Stone Soup! Each child contributed something special, and we shared a beautiful friendship feast.

Important Dates

December 5th - Mini Hibernation Celebration (kindergartners may wear pajamas to school!)

December 10th - Santa Secret Shop Day

December 12th - CSA spirit wear day: Ugly Christmas sweater

December 16th - Kindergarten Christmas Concert at 2:00 in the gym *Students should wear formal/professional Christmas attire

December 17th - End of Gleaners Food Drive

December 19th - Christmas Party *Christmas Spirit wear day - uniform bottoms required unless wearing dress

December 22nd - January 3rd - Christmas Break

January 6th - School Resumes

What Are We Learning?

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
- Studying the continent of Europe
- 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 AND - 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

CSA Canned Food Drive

The Gleaners food drive begins this month. The Risso class has set an ambitious goal of trying to collect 200 boxes or cans of food to donate to the hungry. Can you help us reach this goal?



Christmas Party

Our Christmas party is Friday, December 19th. 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.

Calling All Milk Jugs

We will be creating a milk jug igloo this winter and we'll need over 200 washed & dried out milk or water jugs. Please do not send in milk jugs that are wet inside or not cleaned out. Thank you in advance!



Christmas Concert

Our kindergarten Christmas concert will be Tuesday, December 16th at 2:00 in the gym! We hope to see you there! **Students may wear formal Christmas attire to school this day. Please refrain from sending your child with distracting Christmas head pieces or clothing that may take away from the professional look of their first concert.**



DECEMBER CHARACTER CORNER

★respect★responsibility★optimism★
work ethic★getting along★kindness

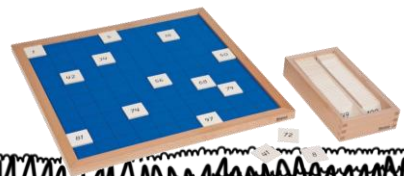


GENEROUSITY

This month, our class will welcome a special visitor: **Generosity the Gingerbread Man!** 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. Please ask your child how they can be generous at school and at home!

PERSISTING

Students have been cheering for their peers as they demonstrate mastery in Karate Level math fact packs, optional challenge work, the tricky hundred board task, and our introduction to the decimal system. Their excitement for one another's progress shows how deeply our classroom community values effort and growth. 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!



50th Day Fun

In November, we had a super swingin' 50th Day of School celebration—1950s style! Students enjoyed root beer floats, stacked 50 cups, danced at a mini sock hop, practiced bubble-gum blowing, made 50s-day bracelets, tried their hand at hula-hooping, and more. Even Zero the Hero showed up wearing a poodle skirt!

