



# The Sun Times

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Dates  
To  
Remember:

Parent Shopping  
Day Out: 12/10,  
9:00-3:00  
LALUZ  
CLOSED:  
12/26—1/2  
LALUZ OPEN:  
1/3/2012

**Merry December Families!!**

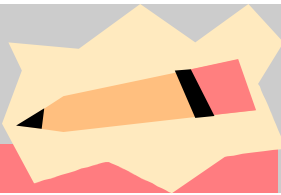
It's hard to believe that 2012 is almost upon us, but you know what they say, "time flies when you're having fun" and what a fun year it's been!

The children have all grown and learned so much this past year which in turn has caused us, the staff, to grow as well. We learn so much from your children.

Thanks to all our great families for everything you do for our great school. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you. I hope this season brings a lot of time spent with families, reflecting on the past year and what 2012 might bring.

I hope everyone has a safe & wonderful holiday season!!

*Lisa*



## INFANT NEWS

### Alison's News

Happy Holidays!!

It's hard to believe the end of 2011 is already here. We have lots going on in our Infant room.

As more of you begin to add solid foods and/or formula to your child's diet, please remember our school policy: "Infants will never be fed a food at school without trying it at home." (Page 14, Parent Handbook) This includes all baby foods, table foods and formula. It is important for your child's health that you do not cut back on bottle amounts until your child is 100% comfortable eating solid foods.

This month we will have reindeer art, gingerbread story and holiday dancing and singing.

We wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season.

Ms. Alison

Ms. Leeza

Ms. Mable

### Jennifer's News

**HELLO!**

**I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT WAS ABLE TO ATTEND OUR THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON. THE FOOD WAS DELICIOUS. THANKS MR. KELLY!**

**THIS MONTH WE ARE GOING TO START EXPLORING NEW TEXTURES. WE WILL BE CREATING SNOWMEN WITH COTTON BALLS AND LEATHER, MAKING SNOWFLAKES WITH BLUE PAINT AND WE WILL BE PLAYING WITH CLAY!! IT'S GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!**

**THE KIDDOS ARE ALL ENJOYING THEIR MEAL TIMES. MARIAH IS NOW EATING JAR FOODS WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IS EATING TABLE FOOD. IT'S SO CUTE TO SEE THEIR REACTIONS TO DIFFERENT TYPES OF FOOD. IT SEEMS TO BE THEIR FAVORITE TIME OF DAY.**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH LANDON A HAPPY BIRTHDAY! HE TURNS ONE YEAR OLD ON DECEMBER 27TH.**

**HOPE YOUR HOLIDAYS ARE THE BEST EVER!**

**MS. JENNIFER**

**MS. ANGIE**

**MS. NICOLE**



# YOUNG TODDLER NEWS

## Arlene's News

**Hello families! We hope everyone is staying warm on these cold days!**

**As always, we would like to thank Mr. Kelly and his sister Ms. Cathy for the fabulous Thanksgiving luncheon. Everything was so very delicious. Also, thanks to all the parents for coming. Our class had a wonderful turnout. We want to thank you for also helping with clean up. It was extremely helpful so we could get you little ones back on track and put down for naps. Thank you Gordon & Danny for moving the tables and chairs. Again, thank you EVERYONE for coming!**

**We will have a holiday party on Friday, December 16th at 3:00 pm. Please join us for some hot chocolate and cookie decorating. We will do a gift exchange for the boys. Please bring in a wrapped toy (of course, for a boy!) that is no more than \$10.**

**We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday break!!**

**Ms. Arlene**

**Ms. Maria**

**Ms. Joslyn**

## Ms. Mona's News

We have made it through the first 4 months of this school year. Hard to believe it's already December!!

We would like to start by thanking all the parents who purchased books for our classroom. We truly appreciate your wonderful donations to our class. Also, thanks to ALL our parents who attended our Thanksgiving Luncheon and a special thank you to Pilar & Rick (Petra's parents) and Saskia (Beckett's mom) for helping us clean up after the lunch. We absolutely love having you all in our class, not to mention the children enjoy it too.

Last month we talked about Emotion, Harvest and My Family. We worked on several creative projects. This month we will continue with My Family and then talk about Staying Warm, Textures and Winter.

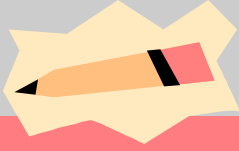
We have a few IMPORTANT dates for you to mark on your calendars. First we will be having a Pajama Party on December 6th. The children will get to wear their pajamas to school and may bring ONE stuffed animal to cuddle with through out the day. Next we will be having our Class Holiday Party on Friday, December 16th at 2:30. We will send out a memo with more information to remind you as these dates get closer. Finally, we will be closed for Winter Break, December 26-30, returning back to school on January 3rd.

Finally, we want to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season! See you next year!

Ms. Mona

Ms. Mercedes

Ms. Ramona



# OLDER TODDLER NEWS

## Danielle's News

**Happy December everyone!! We have made it through yet another year! 2012 is just around the corner, and soon we will be looking at 2011 in the rear view mirror. Before we get to that point we just wanted to bring up a few things that are coming up this month. On December 15th at 4 pm, we will be hosting a holiday party complete with ornament decorating and a book exchange. Invitations have been sent home; however feel free to ask any of the three wonderful teachers for another copy. The themes we will be looking at the last three weeks consist of Winter, Holidays Around the World, and Winter Holidays. We will be exploring decorations used world wide for a variety of December holidays.**

**A couple of things we want to mention, now that the cooler days are beginning to out number the warm ones. First, please remember to bring in warmer outside clothes for your child. Next, we want to say a very happy birthday to Heath who will be turning three on December 15th. Lastly, thank you to all the parents who participated in the parent/teacher conferences. It was wonderful meeting with each of you so we could brag about your wonderful child and give you an insight to the daily life in our class.**

**Most importantly have a wonderful month, enjoy the various festivities, be safe and thank you for sharing such a wonderful part of your family with us. Each one has lit up some part of our day multiple times.**

**Ms. Danielle**

**Ms. Lindsey**

**Ms. Nikki**

## Ana's News

**Happy Winter! First of all, thank you to everyone that attended the Thanksgiving luncheon. The children enjoyed having you all join us for lunch.**

**Another thank you to all the parents for helping to potty train your children at home. Keep up the good work! Make sure you send your child to school with appropriate weather clothes because the days are getting much cooler now.**

**We see a lot of progress in our children. They are starting to express some feelings, emotions, self-control, and using sentences. We are starting to enjoy playing with groups of friends, and are learning our body parts, and days of the week in Spanish. Also, we have been working on using scissors and holding crayons and pencils correctly. Please try to help us with these activities at home.**

**Happy birthday to Mayah on December 16th, and Tristan & Ethan on December 22nd.**

**We are having our Holiday party on December 15th and will have a Pajama Day on December 23rd.**

**If you have any questions or concerns about your children, please do not hesitate to visit w/ us.**

**Happy holidays!!**

**Ms. Ana**

**Ms. JoAnn**

**Ms. Connie**



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### Lynsey's News

**Wow! Our first semester is almost over! These few months have sure flown by. A big "thank you" to all of the families who scheduled a conference. I had a great time sharing your child's progress with you and also just getting to chat over a cup of coffee!**

**December is going to be a very busy month here in preschool. We will be studying how different cultures celebrate the holidays including Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, St. Lucia's Day, Boxing Day, Sinterklass and Las Posadas. Whew! We certainly have our work cut out for us this month.**

**We also have several important dates for you to make note of:**

- 1) Friday, December 9th, 2011—This will be our second field trip of the year. We will be going shopping to Target to purchase gifts for less fortunate children and then delivering them to the "Giving Tree". More info to follow.**
- 2) Wednesday, December 14, 2011—Pajama Day! We will be wearing our pajamas and slippers to school. We will also be listening to "The Polar Express" on tape while we drink hot chocolate and have cookies.**
- 3) Friday, December 16th, 2011—We will be having a holiday reception at 3pm. The children will be showing off their cooking skills and also will be sharing what they have learned about how other cultures celebrate the season.**

**As always, thanks for all you do and we hope you have a safe and warm holiday season.**

**Ms. Lynsey and Ms. Diana**

### Emma's News

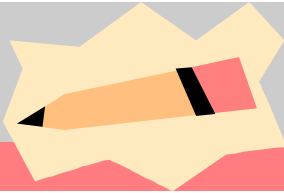
**December is upon us! How great!! Thanks parents for participating at our Thanksgiving luncheon. The children loved showing off for you. The food was delicious, thanks to our La Luz staff. We are looking forward to the holiday party this month and more curriculum fun and academic based activities. We will be working on during the first week of December the letter "C", counting and candy canes. During the second week, we will work on the letter "A", arctic animals & places. The third week we will work on the letter "T", trees, transportation and triangles. The fourth week, the letter "S", squares, snow & science.**

**Hope you have a safe and cozy December!**

**Ms. Emma**

**Ms. Matilda**

**Ms. Tessa**



# PRE-K NEWS

## Angela's News

### Greetings everyone!!

Thanks to all who showed up for the Thanksgiving luncheon. The children really enjoyed having you in the classroom.

We are very proud of how much progress the children have made throughout the year. We want to thank you for taking time out of your schedule to meet with us for Parent/Teacher conferences.

WOW!! We can't believe how fast the year has gone. December will be a short but busy month. For the month of December we will be learning about different holiday traditions.

We want to wish Matthew and Kaylin a very Happy Birthday!! Matthew celebrates his special day on December 18th and Kaylin celebrates her day on December 27th.

Hope you have a safe and happy December!

Ms. Angela

Ms. Joann

Ms. Amelia

Ms. Lorraine

## Mary Jo's News

Dear Friends,

*The holiday season is here and we are so happy that we are able to celebrate it with you. We have many fun activities planned this month and we hope that you have some that you would like to share with us. Just let us know when it would be convenient for you.*

*Our Thanksgiving luncheon was a big success because of the part you all played in it. Thank you so much.*

*This month we begin with a unit about "Our Favorite Stories." The children have so many favorites and we expect them to bring them in to share with the class.*

*December 5—9.....December Fun "Nn"*

*December 12—16.....Gingerbread, Polar Express, "Oo"*

*December 19—23.....Holidays in December*

*This month we will begin learning to read sight words. Dolch words, or sight words, provide an excellent base for reading at an early age. They are often called sight words because some of them can't be sounded out, and need to be learned by sight. Some of the children already know these words and the rest of the class is ready to learn.*

*We hope you all have a happy and safe holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in 2012.*

Ms. Mary Jo

Ms. Natasha

Ms. Susan