



December 2023

UP COMING DECEMBER EVENTS

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| 7 | Family Christmas Activity in the Grove 6:00-7:00pm |
| 9 | Last day to submit family book illustrator challenge |
| 12 | Paintsome Pottery here for 3's |
| 13 | Paintsome Pottery here for 4's and PreK |
| 21- Jan. 1 | Closed for holiday break |

FAMILY CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY IN THE GROVE

Join the staff and school Board members of Neffs UCC Preschool for a family Christmas activity. We will have crafts for the children, a snack of cookies and hot chocolate, and a visit from Santa Claus. Santa will be handing out presents to each of the students, you may take a photo with him. Drop in anytime between 6:00 and 7:00.

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Just a reminder the last day of Preschool before break will be December 20, we will reopen for classes on January 2.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

With December comes the threat of snow and school closures, please refer to your parent handbook for a complete listing of sites to check for closures. I will send out a Remind text blast as soon as we make the decision to close or have a delayed start.

BATHROOM BREAKS

We will always take a child to the bathroom when the need arises, but we ask that you please encourage your child to use the bathroom right before leaving home. We have many students who frequently need to use the bathroom as soon as they enter the building.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

Thank you for continuing to keep your child out when he/she is sick. If you have the opportunity, we appreciate a head up about an absence before class begins, so that we know whether or not to stay at the doors and wait. You may do so by either calling the school at 610-767-5327, sending an email or using Brightwheel messaging.

BOOTS AND WINTER GEAR

Just a reminder that snow boots are not allowed as footwear in the classrooms. Please bring a change of shoes for your child. We will continue to go outside whenever possible, cold weather clothing (coat, hat, mittens) is essential to have at school every day. We understand coats are not worn with child car seats, so please have one in the backpack or hand it to us as your child gets out of the car.

PAINTSOME POTTERY

You should have received a message through Brightwheel about Paintsome Pottery coming to hold a personalized pottery session at school for or families. If you did not get the message with the images and the order form, please contact the director.

FAMILY ILLUSTRATOR CHALLENGE

A message went out through Brightwheel inviting all families to recreate a page or cover from a favorite children's book as a way to end our author/illustrator month in the PreK. Any family who submits a photo recreation with the original page/cover and their recreation before Dec. 9 will be entered into a drawing for a Dunkin' gift card. These will be posted on social media so do not include children on your photo you do not want to appear on social media. An example with my dog is shown below.



DIRECTOR UPDATE

It is with great sadness that I announce my resignation at the end of this school year for medical reasons. Supporting the students and families of the preschool over the past decade has been one of the greatest joys of my career. The preschool board will open a job search for a new director in January to give themselves plenty of time to find the perfect candidate. I will continue to consult with the next director over the summer and for as long as he/she needs. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

FROM THE ENTIRE STAFF AND BOARD OF THE PRESCHOOL

