

GNCS GAZETTE Wrapping up 2009...

From the desk of Barbara

Research has demonstrated that the first five years are especially important to children's future brain development. Great Neck Community School provides a tremendous opportunity to help children build a strong foundation in all areas of development. This is done best by providing a wealth of hands-on activities where children can learn through play and exploration, with the guidance of caring teachers who intentionally plan experiences for them. Each day experiences are planned that ignite a love of learning. The additional music, movement and library classes enhance the daily programs.

Each month we will send home a brief review of all the class activities so that parents can get an overview of our 2's, 3's and 4's program. At GNCS we believe ongoing communication with families is critical to learning success.

Part of all our efforts is to teach children how to resolve conflicts and solve problems. Talk about how to be a peacemaker at home and at school. We try and foster an atmosphere where children care about each other and become a community of learners who help and nurture each other.

Wishing you and your families all the best this season has to offer!

Barbara Breslow



Red Room 2's

We finished talking about Fall. We learned how squirrels hide their acorns and how the scarecrows scare the birds before the snow comes! Our own creations of squirrels with their acorns and elaborate scarecrows are hanging on our wall will be going home before the first snowfall! We also enjoyed reading books and songs about scarecrows and squirrels!

We introduced the gingerbread man story and the children painted their gingerbread men with very special paint! (ask the children what the ingredients are!)

The Children have been working very hard on their holiday gifts and cards!

We are happy to see all of our little froggies interacting with their friends during playtime! As they are getting older, we love watching friendships blossom!

We are proud of how well the children have separated from their families! They are now comfortable seeing parents come and go!

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!

Love,

Mrs. Lobodzic, Mrs. Epstein, and Ms. Smith

Yellow Room Interage

We introduced our new unit on Eric Carle! We learned how he develops ideas for stories and pictures! We also learned how he makes his own paper for his illustrations. The children each created their own paper in 3 different styles to make their own Eric Carle creations!

We have been exploring the Gingerbread Man story and have read many different versions and have been busy comparing them! The children painted their own gingerbread man with some very special paint that they mixed themselves (we bet you can't guess what the secret ingredient is!?).

We are busy learning about all the different winter holidays, and have been spending time crafting our holiday gift and card for our families!

We recently had an "Interage Happening" to make our own wrapping paper for these very special gifts.

The children love playing the dice game to add and say equations. We have also been exploring the letters of the alphabet through our different themes!

We wish you and your families a very happy and healthy holiday season! See you in 2010...

Love,

Mrs. Lobodzic and Ms. Smith

Reminder to All Families

The New Enrichment class calendar will be available and posted on the website in January!

Our Barnes and Noble Book Fair is coming soon! Be on the lookout for more information, January 23-27, 2010

Check Out What's Happening in Our School!



Important Dates

Monday, January 4th- SCHOOL RE-OPENS!

Monday, January 18th- SCHOOL CLOSED,
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Orange Room 2's

The children in the orange room are so excited getting their holiday gift ready and wrapped to give to their family! This truly is the season of giving.

Our focus has been giving, not just gifts for holiday fun, but of one's self! Being aware of those around you and doing your part to make the world a better place. The love, joy and energy in our room has been wonderful! Learning about the different ways we celebrate our faith has been a blessing. The children truly light up when we read a book or sing a familiar song.

We wish all of you a very peaceful and Happy Holiday!

Mrs. Y, Mrs. Raimondi, and Mrs. Abreu

Yellow Room 3's

We have been so busy learning all about shapes. We made shape people, shape placemats (and when we are eating snack it looks like a "fancy" restaurant!), and original shape pictures!

Our holiday gifts are really sparkly! We are so excited to give them to you.

Our class book, "Hi Pizza Children" is still circulating! The children love taking it home and sharing it with their families!

We have ready many versions of the Gingerbread Boy book. Now, we are working on our own version of the Gingerbread Man for the children to pass around!

We have enjoyed sharing the holidays as a class. We have explored all of the different holidays through traditions, snacks, and books!

All the best in the New Year!

Mrs. Greif, Mrs. Schuman, and Mrs. Agate

Green Room 3's

We have been exploring and learning about the holidays by reading books, singing songs, and cooking! We have read special pop-up books by Robert Sabuda all about Chanukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

We made potato pancakes, we decorated cookies with Mrs. Katherine Okin, and made special bread with Mrs. Martina Caviezel.

We have been working very hard on the holiday gifts which involve several processes, but it's a big surprise! The children are so proud of themselves for keeping the secret!

We've also been working on reinforcing small muscle skills by bringing out new manipulatives that the children are really enjoying.

We wish you all a great holiday and a very happy New Year!

Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Molina, and Mrs. Szap

Blue Room 4's

What a great month, full of exciting family happenings, holidays, and class activities!

Rise and Shine Bakery is open, and a huge success! Everyone loves playing on that side of the room. We are practicing writing and math skills we made our own dough with flower and water. We continue to practice measuring, and leveling off dry ingredients.

The Gingerbread theme has been very exciting! We are reading a ton of different versions of the book and comparing them. We have been creating a list of all the words and different characters in the books. We even made our own Gingerbread man puppets! We really enjoyed creating our own endings to such a popular story.

We have been learning about all festivals of lights, which covers many of the winter holidays!

We love having parents in to our room to visit! They have been extremely enriching.

With Love,

Mrs. Rubin, Mrs. Chimienti, and Ms. Kates