



Matisse

Learning Pathways Preschool
 December Newsletter
 Artist of the Month—Henri Matisse
 Composer--James Pierpoint (composer of Jingle Bells)
 Letters of the Month—Kk, Oo, Gg,Rr
 Math-number recognition, comparisons and 1 to 1
 correspondence
 Themes-Classic Stories, Holidays and Celebrations



Pierpoint

Is it really December? We had so many wonderful moments during the month of November that we barely noticed the time. Our holiday celebration will be on Thursday, December 21th at 4:00. The staff at Learning Pathways want to express a sincere thank you to our families for partnering with us to build a strong and successful foundation for our children. Happy holidays!

Creative Arts	Literacy	Math	Science/ Social Studies	Health/Safety	Physical Development	Social /Emotional
Holiday art and crafts Art related to classic children's stories— (Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Princess and the Pea, etc.)	Letters and sounds Writing letters Learning our last name Begin holiday books	Growing With Math-Comparing and ordering numbers AB patterns Positional words, 3 dimensional shapes Days of the week, Months of the year	Discuss changes in the weather and in the natural environment	Safety during holiday shopping. Review classroom rules and playground safety	Games and activities that develop strength, endurance, balance and coordination	Help children understand that all feelings are ok. Increase children's vocabulary of emotions and increase their ability to talk about their feelings.
Easel painting Matisse—cut outs	Read, discuss and act out many of the classic children's stories (Goldilocks and the Three Bears, etc.)	Compare sizes Opposites Review previously taught concepts	Discuss the science of holiday baking. Note changes from heat and mixing ingredients	Review the importance of washing hands and using tissues for runny noses and sneezes,	Parachute play, Bikes and ball, Bubble play, balance beam and hoop play	Identify facial expressions and situational causes of being afraid Identify situations that cause fear.
Holiday Songs Musical Instruments Dramatic activities using props	Beginning, middle and ending sounds Short "a" and "o" blends and words. I am ... sentences	Math Vocabulary Number recognition 1-50 1 to 1 correspondence Addition and subtraction	Discuss how people around the world Celebrate		PFC with Mr. Wes will focus on Overhand, underhand and side arm throwing. Balance, coordination and spatial awareness.	Review "friends share, friends help each other and friends play together" Discuss family celebrations

December Additional Kindergarten Curriculum

Literacy

Irregular vowel blends. Discussions focused on the beginning, middle and end of a story. Discussions focused on the characters, setting, and main idea of stories read during reading group. Understanding the difference between informational and fictional text. Write and illustrate your own story. Work in journals. Sight words sentences and diagraphs. Encourage children to use language that forms images or helps others visualize processes. Discuss order of events in stories. Discuss similarities and differences between ideas within a story and make comparisons to other stories read in class. Discuss causes of events in a story. Identify problems and pose solutions.

Math

Review 1 more and 1 less. Introduce adding 2. Compose and decompose numbers to 10. Continue counting from any number. (Do not go back to one) Addition and subtraction. Number stories and number sentences (Processing and translating information given in the number stories to number sentences). Two digit numbers plus one.

Themes

Classic stories, winter holidays, cultural celebrations and traditions.