

Welcome December! It's always an exciting month for the children with decorating classroom Christmas trees, singing songs and reading a variety of books about this special season, and creating special gifts just for you! We wish your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year!

THE "HOLIDAY TRAIN"

Sunday, December 8th at 5:45pm

See the lights, enjoy some cocoa and holiday music! More details about this local annual event can be found on the Village of Hartland website. Non-perishable food donations are welcome to help support two local food pantries.

"CHRISTMAS JINGLES" Wednesday, Dec. 11th

It's time for some holiday fun! Mrs. Jan Meisel (a former Wee Know teacher) will host a morning of holiday songs and interactive musical activities with each classroom! HO..HO..HO!!

<u>Christmas Jammies & Cookies</u>

Wednesday, Dec. 18 & Thursday, Dec. 19

You heard right! Wear your Christmas jammies to school on these days as we celebrate the season with cookie decorating in each classroom!

SEVERE WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Winter has arrived, and so has the season of unpredictable weather. We always try to remain open, however, in the event of severe weather or hazardous conditions, our school may close. Closing information will be listed on TV channels 4, 6 and 12 and their websites, <u>Classroom</u> Facebook pages, school voicemail and an email will be sent to all families.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2025

Registration will be starting in late January for currently enrolled, alumni and new families. Kettle Moraine district 4K families may choose "Wee Know" for their child's morning 4-K program (at no cost) with an option for wrap around care if needed. 4K children from other districts can also attend but must privately pay. Summer and Fall registration forms and information on Wee Know 4K options will be distributed in mid-January. Please contact our office if you need ANY assistance.



HUMMINGBIRD NEWS

From Ms. Erin & Ms. Rylee

In November, we learned about different kinds of weather and each day a "weather helper" dressed our bear according to what we saw out the window. We read books and discussed what animals hibernate when it gets cold. The Hummingbirds enjoyed doing weather and bear hibernation art activities!

We talked about turkeys, danced and gobbled like turkeys, and even watched real turkeys out of our classroom windows! Making their own paper bag turkeys was a favorite!

"The Turkey Pokey" and "Thanksgiving Freeze" dance were a big hit during music and movement. The book <u>Ten Fat Turkeys</u> was a silly and interactive book we all enjoyed. The Hummingbirds ended the month talking about being thankful. The children shared a variety of answers that were sent home to treasure. We are so thankful for the Hummingbird families and the time we get to spend with your kiddos!

DECEMBER THEMES & ACTIVITIES

Dec. 2-6



<u>Winter Cheer:</u> We will create different kinds of ornaments for our Christmas tree while focusing on shapes, colors and creativity! We will experiment with ice and hopefully snow this week as well.

Dec. 9-13

<u>Gingerbread:</u> We will continue the month with many variations of the classic book <u>The Gingerbread Man.</u> We will decorate a gingerbread house for the classroom and even bake our own gingerbread cookies.

Dec. 16-20

<u>Holiday Fun:</u> This will be a festive week with cookie decorating and cozy Christmas jammies! Be sure to wear your Christmas jammies on Wednesday & Thursday!

Dec. 23-Jan 3

Fun with Friends: We will start and end the holiday week exploring new stories, activities and spending time with the other classes.

Winter Clothing

The winter season is coming! Our outside time is at 9:15 a.m. weather permitting that is, temperature/wind chill above 20 degrees. **LABEL EVERYTHING, EACH BOOT, EACH MITTEN, JACKETS, HATS, SNOWPANTS, ETC.**.

- Daily needs winter jacket, hat and mittens (preferred over gloves) are essential!
- When the snow flies, snow pants and boots are required.

Potty Time

We are making progress with potty learning in our classroom! With your child being off during the Christmas holidays, it might be a great opportunity to try. It normally takes 3 days of consistent training. A great resource is Potty Training in a Weekend by Rebecca Mansfield. It is a short entertaining book that gives a few tips on how to best approach this milestone with your child. Please keep us posted on your child's progress as we are here to help you with continued success in the multi-step skill.

SAVE THE DATE

Hummingbird "**Winter Warm Up**" event will be on <u>Wednesday, January 15th from 8:30-9:30am</u>. This event is for parent/special grown up & Hummingbird children only. More details will be out in early January.

