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## Holiday Gift Shop Success!

Our annual holiday gift shop was a fun-filled success! The children took their shopping very seriously and the shop was fully stocked thanks to all our wonderful families. Thank you, Brittney and Kate for organizing this special event and to Santa's extra special helpers:

Ashley, Nicole, Heather, Emme, Jess, Alex, Brittany, Rachel, Alanna, Laura, Sara, and Jacky!



## December Birthdays



Last month in chapel we celebrated our **December** birthday for **TUCKER**! We wish him a very happy year ahead!





From the Classrooms



## Teachers Stephanie & Leslie

The Sea Otters had so much fun this December! We learned the letters S and E, and also learned about and made crafts reflecting Christmas traditions and symbols from around the world. The Christmas tree represented America, the Christmas Moose for Canada, English Christmas Crackers for England, Nutcrackers for Germany and Père Noël for France. We spent a lot of time practicing for our Christmas program and enjoyed performing for our families! We also made gifts for our families, clay ornaments, and enjoyed our Holiday Cookie decorating party. We are all looking forward relaxing after such a busy month. Happy Holidays!



## Teachers Susan & Madison

Happy Holidays!



We had a great December! It was tons of fun. Our Stingrays did a great job in our Christmas Program. We are so proud of them! Our letters this month were Mm and Cc. In our last week we reviewed all our previous letters. Our sight words were: "make" and "come". We are still discussing our greater/less than, addition and equal signs. We are also counting by 10's. We created beautiful ornaments and Christmas cards for our families. We also made cute elves out of popsicle sticks. Chippy, our Elf on the Shelf, did so many crazy things in our classroom. We're hoping he gave Santa awesome reports! Our classroom Christmas Celebration was so much fun with lots of yummy food.

On our last school day of 2024 we decorated Christmas cookies, played games, and played with Play-doh. We are really looking forward to 2025! Happy New Year!





## ★ Teachers Sandra, Beth & Terry



Starfish students were busy during the month of December. The Gingerbread Man visited during the first week. He arrived each day with a package of gifts for the children. Cookies, Kisses, and more were delivered every day. This week was all about getting gifts.

Timmy, our elf arrived the second week. He had a note each day telling the students how to spread Christmas cheer through the halls of ASDS. They made gift bags for the Stingrays and Sea Otters and gave the Sea Turtles candy canes. This week was all about giving gifts.



Our last week was all about Christmas. We read, Stickman, and watched the movie with popcorn and candy. We also made several Christmas crafts that the children took home to decorate their homes.



"Christmas in Our Jammies" was our theme for our Christmas program. All our students nailed their performance!



December was a short month, but we were able to introduce to the letters J and C, the numbers 12 and 13 and the star shape. We can't wait to see what January brings to our class in the new year.

## 🐢 Teachers Karen & Devin

The Sea Turtles had a busy December. We spent the month getting ready for Christmas. We read Christmas stories, sang Christmas songs and did Christmas crafts. Most of our time was spent getting ready for our Christmas program. Thank you, Teacher Martha for such a spectacular show! We are so proud of our Sea Turtles and their grand performance. As always, we spent a lot of time on the playground working on our social skills. Continue to watch the weather in the mornings to make sure your little one has the appropriate jacket for this crazy weather we have been having.



Enjoy your family time during our holiday break. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Teacher Martha of the Music and Art Studio

As we all know, music classes for the first part of December concentrated on putting finishing touches on "Christmas in Our Jammies." All of the students did a wonderful job! We also sang and moved to a few fun Christmas songs such as "Christmas Freeze Dance Song," "Santa Shark," "Santa Freeze Dance Song," "Reindeer Hokey Pokey," "The Christmas Action Song," and "The Winter Hokey Pokey." We also played "Name That Christmas Song." In January, music will begin working on various musical concepts such as dynamics, tempo, rhythm, and melody.



Because of the Christmas program, we only concentrated on one art project in December. The students made paint brush Santa ornaments. In January, art classes will work on winter projects, such as "hand" cardinals and snowflakes.



## Coach Jess of KidFit®

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!



We finished out 2024 with our very own version of Reindeer Games! Every Tuesday we played reindeer tag, launched some reindeer out of our parachutes and made them fly and had reindeer relay races. I had a stocking filled with different games and activities and the children got to pick out of my stocking to see what games we would play next!

We used our hula hoops to make our very own version of the Polar Express and flew to the North Pole.



I have loved spending Tuesday mornings with your little ones! Excited for a new year with new fun games and adventures!

**\*\*\*Be sure to sign your kiddos up for after school enrichment with me on Fridays in the new year!\*\*\***

In Health, Coach Jess



## Señora Mercedes

¡Feliz Navidad! We have been having a great time at your children's Spanish class! The Sea Turtles and Starfish have finished their lessons about colors, and we will start the lessons about numbers in the new year. They have been enjoying choosing their favorite fruits and learning about farm animals. They also did an amazing job coloring their Christmas lesson!



The Stingrays and Sea Otters and have done a fantastic job with their color lessons. The Stingrays' class did a great job coloring their color by number Reyes Magos (Three Wise Men) lesson. Did you know the Three Wise Men are the ones that bring presents to Spanish children? Christmas for us is more about Jesus and family gatherings, and we wait until January 6<sup>th</sup> for presents. It's a beautiful tradition

that all Spanish speaking countries cherish and love.

The Sea Otters' class did a wonderful job with their color by number Nativity Scene. All cities in Spain have their Christmas markets where you can buy figurines for the nativity scenes that we display at home, another wonderful Spanish Christmas tradition.

In the new year your children will start learning some more vocabulary about food, animals, body parts, days of the week, months of the year, and feelings.

All the students have enjoyed our singing and dancing. Here are a few videos that they enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwYckV5hLjI> – Farm animals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOg6y-Q59eM&t=61s> – the human body

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9TTN5smxcs> – the fruits

¡Feliz Navidad! and best wishes for a fantastic 2025! Maestra Mercedes





## For The Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Activity	Notes
December 23 <sup>rd</sup> Monday through January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday		<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	Have a safe and love-filled Holiday!
January 6 <sup>th</sup> Monday		<b>ASDS Reopens</b>	<b>Welcome Back!</b>
January 6 <sup>th</sup> Monday		<b>ASDS Registration Opens to the Public!</b>	Aren't you glad you have your spot(s)?
January 20 <sup>th</sup> Monday		<b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	<b>ASDS is CLOSED.</b>

