

Returning Families' Registration Packets for Fall 2024 Have Arrived!

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Registration for our current families is open! Please secure your child's spot before January 2nd by submitting your discounted materials fee (\$210) and registration form to Dianne. After that date, a spot cannot be guaranteed, and classes are sure to fill up quickly. If you have any questions, please let me know. *Director Dianne*

Registration opens to the Public on January 2nd.

Annual Christmas Program

What an amazing turn out we had for our annual Christmas program! It was so wonderful to have so many of our parents, grandparents, and other family and friends gather together to hear the songs our little people have been working so hard to learn. Teacher Martha and the rest of our incredible staff have devoted much time and energy to make our show the success that it was. I hope your families enjoyed the show as much as I did.







PATTCH Holiday Gift Shop



Our annual holiday gift shop was a huge success! This has to be one of the sweetest traditions at our school, and I appreciate all of our families that participate. It simply couldn't be done without the generous donations and the help from all of Santa's best elves: Laura, Ashley, Anna, Jessica, Stephanie, Nicole, Lindsay, Lydia, Sandy, and Kate. Thank you, Jenni and Brittany, for organizing and making Baines Hall look so festive. I hope that everyone enjoys their very special gifts chosen just for you by your children.







First ASDS PATTCH Cookie Exchange

In the hopes of starting a new tradition, PATTCH hosted our first ever Cookie Exchange. It was a nice to have a relaxed morning amidst all of the craziness the holiday season seems to bring. Thank you, Brittany for organizing this fundraiser and to all who participated. I hope that your families enjoy the sweet treats you were able to bring home!



Birthdays!

December Birthdays for the following students were celebrated in Chapel when the entire school sang "Happy Birthday" to: Charles, Tucker, Dylan A, Finley, and Roland. We wished you very happy birthdays!

All students are also acknowledged and celebrated within their individual classrooms.



► Teachers Stephanie & Leslie

The Sea Otters had so much fun this December! We learned the letters S and E, as well as learned and made crafts all about 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 Pere Noel for France. We practiced for our "Holiday Harmonies" program and did a wonderful job the night of the show! We also made gifts for our families, created cinnamon dough ornaments, and enjoyed our Holiday party. We are all looking forward relaxing after such a busy month. Happy Holidays!



→ Teachers Susan → Madison

Happy Holidays from The Stingrays!

December was a busy month rehearsing "Let it Snow" and "Frosty the Snowman." The Stingrays sang their little hearts out and did a great job!

The Letter we discussed was the letter Mm and our sight word was "make." We also reviewed previous letters we have learned, and did some simple addition math problems.





🧩 Teachers Sandra, Beth & Terry



Starfish students were quite busy during the few weeks we were in class in December. Timmy, our class elf, visited the first week of the month. He brought a note to the class each day that told the students how to spread holiday cheer throughout the halls of ASDS. The children gave treat bags and lollipops to the Sea Otters, candy canes to the Stingrays, and chocolate kisses to the Sea Turtles. They even had a special treat for Teacher Dianne.

The next week we read, <u>Stickman</u>, by Julia Donaldson. It is a wonderful Christmas book. We had pajama day, watched the <u>Stickman</u> movie, and ate popcorn and gummy worms. We had our Christmas program this week. The children wore their Christmas best and sang, <u>Happy Birthday</u>, <u>Jesus</u>, and <u>Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer</u> for their class performance and joined in when the entire school sang, <u>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</u>. On the last day of school before our break, we had our class party. The students decorated Christmas cookies and had chocolate and strawberry milk to top it off.

Even though it was an abbreviated month, we introduced the letters J and C, number 7 and the star shape. The Starfish class wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and can't wait to see what January brings to our class.



🌸 Teachers Karen & Devin



The Sea Turtles spent December preparing for their big debut. The practice paid off. We are so proud of how they performed in their first Christmas Program!

During December, we greeted a new Sea Turtle. The others welcomed her with open arms and helped teach her the class routines. We also made Christmas ornaments for our families and were creative with a few Christmas crafts. We are looking forward to the new year.

🌲 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 🌲



🦄 Teacher Karen of the Art Studio

In art class, we were as busy as the elves in Santa's workshop! At least it *seemed* that way! The Sea Turtles built a snowman, colored reindeers and drew on the antlers. They also colored a Christmas tree some added ornaments and gifts under the tree.



The Starfish had fun making Christmas trees out of paint chips and made them their own by choosing the ornaments. They also transformed a red star into Santa . They ended the month by coloring and decorating ornaments.

The Stingrays worked on their scissor skills when they made a melted snowman. Our 3-D Christmas trees were a challenge. We folded and tried to use the right amount of glue. Their Angles were made from paint chips and they had fun putting jewels on the angel's robes.

The Sea Otters started the season by painting a string of Christmas lights. The string was drawn with sharpie and the lights were finger painted. Next was another paint project, this time stamping Christmas

trees on a kitchen towel. They had fun deciding where to place the trees and what size trees to stamp. Their last craft was a party hat for New Year's Eve. We talked about next year being 2024 and how we all celebrate the end of 2023 and welcome in the new year.

Art class can be extremely hectic and I apologize for the lack of pictures. I will make taking pictures my New Year's resolution. I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and all the best in 2024!











Teacher Martha of the Music Studio



During December, music focused on preparing for the **Holiday Harmonies** show which was a smashing success! We also enjoyed learning holiday songs that focused on movement, rhythm, singing, counting, and following directives. The songs included **One Little, Two Little, Three** Little Reindeer; Reindeer Pokey; North Pole Party Freeze Dance Game; Hurry, Hurry, Drive the Sleigh; and The Christmas Action Song. In January, music will focus on playing rhythm instruments. Have a happy and musical holiday season!



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 Afterschool Enrichment with me on Fridays in the new year!

In Health, Coach Jess











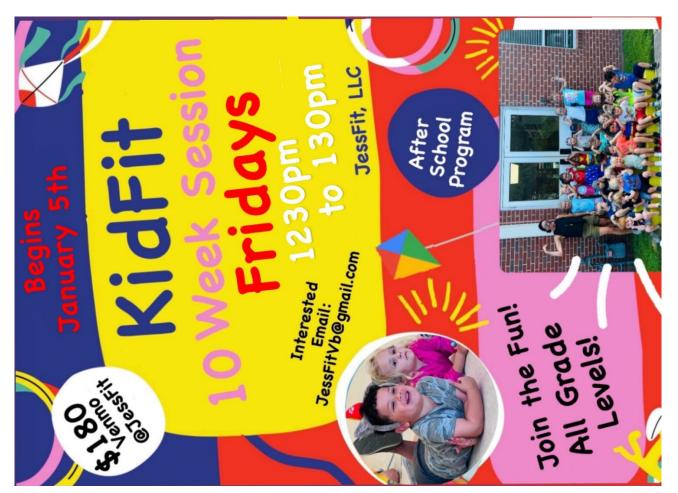


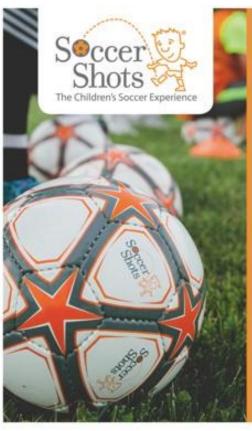


For the Fridge

Date	Kids' Version	ACtiVity	Notes
January 1 st Monday		Happy New Year!	May 2024 be Happy and Healthy for All!
January 2 nd Tuesday	MARRA	Welcome Back!	ASDS Re-Opens!
January 15 th Monday	Have A Dream Have A Dream Martin Luther King, jr. Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	ASDS is CLOSED
February 14 th Wednesday	Happy Valentine's Day	Happy Valentines' Day!	More to come
February 19 th Monday		Presidents' Day	ASDS is CLOSED







FINAL REMINDER Starts soon | Enroll today!

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