

## Annsworth Academy December 2018 Newsletter

**November/December Monthly Goals** – Since November and December are short months due to the various holidays, we combine monthly goals for November and December. This will allow the children ample time to master the skills needed to accomplish their monthly goals. Monthly goal sheets will go home near the end of December for the November/December goals.

**Share Your Culture and Your Traditions** – We are so fortunate to have so many diverse cultures represented in our school. The children gain valuable knowledge about the world and many of the people in it. Although we do not discuss religion, knowing about other cultural events enriches all of our lives. We would like to invite anyone who would be interested in sharing with the children to contact either your child's teacher or one of the office staff to arrange a time.

**Giving Tree** – The Giving Tree is one of the most heart-warming projects Annsworth participates in each year. This year, we have the chance to share the true meaning of giving by purchasing a present for a child who is in the foster care system due to abuse and neglect. Donations are going to Big Bend Community Based Care and will be delivered to the appropriate children through their case managers.

If you are interested in being a part of our Giving Tree, this is how it works:

- Select a paper ornament(s) from our Giving Tree, which is displayed in our lobby.
- Take the top ornament for your information and sign your name on the sponsor ornament underneath.
- Return the gift, *unwrapped* and with the informational ornament attached by **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**.

These children are in desperate need of books. Any new or used books in good condition, in addition to the gifts can be donated.

**Holiday Luncheon Parties** – On Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, the classrooms will be having their Holiday Luncheon Parties. The children will have a festive lunch of items brought in by parents. There is no catered lunch that day and lunch boxes are optional. Sign up lists for luncheon items will be posted on the classroom doors.

**School Closed** – Annsworth will be closed Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Winter Holiday. We will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

**DCF Rules & Regulations Reminder** – “If a child does not arrive to the program, child care personnel must communicate as early as possible with the custodial parent/legal guardian; if there was no prior communication from the custodial parent/legal guardian of the child's absence. If child care personnel are unable to reach the child's parent/guardian, emergency contacts must be notified.”

**Please notify the office by 9:00 am if your child will be late or absent. This will alleviate the need for us to contact parents and/or emergency contacts.**

**Err on the Side of Caution** – The holiday season is approaching and with that raises the crime rate relating to theft. During drop off and pick up times, protect your car and belongings by turning your car off, close windows/lock your car doors, and carry purses/valuables inside with you. Also, please do not leave infants or children alone in your vehicle.

**Thank You!** – Many thanks to the Wulfekuhl family for the donation of clothes, shoes, and toys. Thank you to the Jacobson family for the donation of Arts & Crafts. Thank you to the Trimble family for donating soft toys and to the Hagan family for donating dinosaurs. Your thoughtfulness and contributions are greatly appreciated.

**NAEYC For Families Website** – NAEYC has a website that provides a wealth of information for families of young children. Check it out at <http://families.naeyc.org>. The site includes:

- Research-based, family friendly content on how children learn
- Creative learning ideas for families to try at home

*Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!*