

Annsworth Academy December 2020 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 traditions enriches all our lives. We would like to invite you to share with your child's teacher about your family's cultural traditions. To do so, please either bring in a note or email samantha@annsworth.com and we will pass the information along.

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 Northwest Florida Health Network 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 **Monday, December 14th**

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 Parties – On Friday, December 18th, the classrooms will have a Holiday Snack Party. Annsworth will be providing a special holiday treat for each class to enjoy during morning snack. The children are encouraged to wear red and green to school.

School Closed – Annsworth will be closed Thursday, December 24th thru Friday, January 1st for the Winter Holiday. We will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2021.

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! – Thank you to all our families that donated plastic bags and to the Parsons family for donating boxes of tissues. A BIG thank you to everyone that donated to the Tree House Food Drive. 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 <https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families>. 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!