

Annsworth Academy December 2021 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 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. If you did not return a Holiday and Customs Questionnaire at the beginning of the school year, we would like to invite you to share with your child's teacher about your family's cultural traditions. To do so, please either ask for a Questionnaire from the office, bring in a note or email Samantha, at 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.

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 6th**

Holiday Parties – On Friday, December 17th, 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 Friday, December 24th thru Friday, December 31st for the Winter Holiday. We will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Err on the Side of Caution – The holiday season is approaching and unfortunately, we typically see the crime rate increase, especially 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 the Parsons family for donating socks and girls' undergarments, to the Hanks family for donating large floor puzzles, and to the Baisden family for donating learning phonics games. Also, thank you to the Keyser family for donating books and to the Dodson (Taylor & Lexi) family for donating puzzles. A BIG thank you to everyone that donated to the Tree House Food Drive. Your thoughtfulness and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Eco-Friendly Toys – Choosing toys that are non-toxic, age and safety appropriate, and reduce environmental impacts are good for both the environment and our children. Look for solid wood toys or items made from felt, cotton or wool. If you do choose a wooden toy, look for something with a non-toxic finish. If you decide to bring home a plastic toy, avoid BPA and PVC at all costs. This is particularly true if you think the child will put the toy in his or her mouth. Instead, look for plastics #1, 2, 4 or 5 as they are safer; you should be able to find what kind of plastic the toy was made with by looking at the bottom of the packaging.

Check out <https://www.thriftyfun.com/Tips-for-Choosing-Eco-Friendly-Toys-1.html> for more information.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!