

Annsworth Academy December 2024 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 11th**.

Holiday Luncheon Parties – On Friday, December 13th, the classrooms will have a Holiday Luncheon Party. Each classroom will post a sign-up for party item donations for the children to enjoy during their lunch. The children are encouraged to wear red and green to school.

Volunteers Wanted – We are looking for volunteers to sit in the classrooms during naptime while the children are sleeping (1:15 pm - 2:30 pm) on Wednesday, December 18th so that the teachers can enjoy some holiday activities together. Please see one of our office staff at the front desk to volunteer.

School Closed – Annsworth will be closed Tuesday, December 24th thru Wednesday, January 1st for the Winter Holiday. We will re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2025. Pre-K families please note that Monday, Dec. 23rd, Thursday, Jan. 2nd and Friday, Jan. 3rd are Non-VPK days. Please remember to let us know if your child will be out any of the days we are open.

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 Yazdanpanah family for the donation of books. Thank you to the Vance family for the donation of girl clothes and to the Wampler family for the donation of diapers and pull-ups. Thank you to the Nichols family for donating clothes. Donations are always appreciated.

NAEYC For Families Website – The National Association for the Education of Young Children, our accreditation agency, 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!