



# Millbrae Nursery School

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Newsletter



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## Director's Note

Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, 圣诞快乐, EED SA'ED, Joyeux Noel, Happy Kwanzaa, リークリスマス

The excitement is growing, and there's a buzz in the air; what a wonderful season and time of the year. You can't *see* the Holiday Magic, but we all know and can *feel* that it's here. The kiddos are definitely feeling the Magic! We are so fortunate at Millbrae Nursery to have such a diverse population. The common element this season is LIGHT, celebrated in almost every culture. Please share with us how you celebrate this magical season of light

Conferences will be starting, and it is the perfect time to talk with your teachers and share what hopes that you may have this year for your kiddo. Please remember to sign up.

Our school is having a Winter party to celebrate the season of light. It will be hosted by the Three-Year-Old class: Dec 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 1:00 pm. We hope to see you all there.

May you and your family experience the Magic of this season within you, and share it with all who you meet. Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Always, Teacher Brigidan



## 2's & 3's Class

November came, and just as quickly it has passed. We hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving with family and loved ones. With the children, we talked about leaves, where they come from, and what happens to them in this season. This month we have also welcomed some new faces to the classroom and have been able to see the growth we have all been making.

As December approaches, so does the cold and wet weather. The kiddos will be learning about the coldest season by looking at winter clothes and the winter characteristics that occur during the season. We will also learn about winter holidays and animals that hibernate during the winter. Since the wet weather is approaching, we ask that you please dress the children in warm layers, and please if you have some, provide rain boots, as we will be trying to allow the children outside time and a chance to see and feel the cold weather.

In the weeks to come, sign-up sheets will be out so we can set-up parent teacher conferences. Please find a good time in your schedule to sit down with us and discuss your child. We want to thank you for all your help in and out of the classroom. We wish you all Happy Holidays. Feliz Navidad y Próspero 2014.

- Teacher Megan & Teacher Norma



## 3's & 4's Class

The Winter Holidays are just around the corner! We hope that you and your family enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. November was our first month back at the red schoolhouse, and it's been incredible! The children have been exploring the classroom, books, toys, art materials, and the wonderful outdoor play yard. The sand box and horse swings have been a favorite with our group. Nature paintings and thankful turkeys adorn the classroom and our pumpkin seeds are ready to sprout!

For December, we will talk about family. We will share about our family traditions, our family tree, and the season of light. Our art experiences will include snowflakes, mittens, animals in the snow, and much more! Our 3 & 4-year-old class will be hosting a Holiday Celebration on Saturday Dec. 14th. It will be a fun day filled with good food, holiday crafts, and a special guest. Bring your family and friends!

Seasons Greetings - Teacher Sandra

**Please Note:** Due to the cold weather, we have gathered quite a few unclaimed jackets, coats and sweatshirts in our Lost & Found in the classroom. Please be sure to **label** your child's belongings and please check if one of the unclaimed items is your child's. Thank you!!



Stone Soup



Sandbox Play



Painting Teeth



Delilah turns Four!



Walk-A-Thon



Inspecting Corn

## Pre-K Class

Dear Parents and Families,

The month of November was a very fun-filled month as many holidays and traditions are starting. Pre-K shared what they were "Thankful" for: family, friends, home, pets, etc. This was put into a book for all to read. We read the story about a turkey named "Gracias," *The Very First Thanksgiving*, and *Thanksgiving is for Giving*. They went over words to know (or key words) in both Spanish and English: Thank You/Gracias, Family/Familia, Friends/Amigos, Food/Comida, Harvest/Cosecha, Turkey/Pavo and Thanksgiving/Dia De Gracias.

Oh, and the spices too! Kiddos made apple pie – They prepped ingredients, cut, mixed, and baked! They described what they tasted, smelled and felt (raw ingredients) and were taste-testers for the finished product - Their pie!!

Handprint turkeys were made using various colors. Thank you to Teacher Sarah Wells for coming in and making beautiful mosaic tissue paper turkeys. And Thank you Teachers Manal, Ghada, and Maura for helping the kiddos make "stone soup."

Happy Thanksgiving to all! See you back in December!

- Teacher Nancy



Dance, Dance, Dance!



Pretty Fall Colors

We put the FUN in *Fundraising*

Happy Holidays, everyone! We have a couple reminders for the month of December:

1. During the first week of December, we will be working with an organization called **SchoolaStitch** to bring in fundraising money by trading in our gently used children's and teens clothing (no infants). If you have any lightly used clothes your kiddo has outgrown, please bring them to school during the week of December 2nd. Please see your family file for details about needed clothes, and for a donation bag.
2. The tickets for the **Winter Raffle** were placed in your family folders. The raffle will be held during the January business meeting. Please start selling your tickets – We have a bunch of fabulous prizes!

Thanks,

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# Mark Your Calendar!

- **December 2**                      6PM                      Board Meeting – All are welcome  
Tuition Due
- **December 7**                      9AM - 1PM                      Maintenance Party K-Z Families
- **December 10**                      7 PM                      Mandatory Business Meeting & Kindergarten Night
- **December 14**                      10AM - 1PM                      Winter Party
- **December 16-19**                      (All Week)                      Parent Ed Week
- **December 20**                      6 – 10 PM                      Parents Night Out (Make reservations)
- **December 23 – January 3**                      Winter Break \*\*\* NO SCHOOL \*\*\*
- **January 6**                      School resumes – Tuition Due
- **January 7**                      7 PM                      Mandatory Business Meeting & Raffle

