

Tall Pines Tidings

Important Dates

December

- 1 Dues due (Dues are late on the 10th)
- 8 A Tall Pines Christmas 6pm sharp at school for the Mon/Wed classes and PT1
- 9 A Tall Pines Christmas 6pm sharp at school for the Tues/Thurs classes and PT2
- 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 at teacher Nicole's house
- 13 & 14 Santa visits during class
- 15,16,17 Christmas Celebrations
- 20-Jan 2 Christmas Break

January

- 3 Return to school
- 10 Board Meeting 7pm at school
- 17 no school- Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
- 20 General Meeting 7pm at school. Janet Horowitz will be speaking about parenting tips.

How to Really Love a Child

Be there. Say yes as often as possible. Let them bang on pots and pans. If they're crabby, put them in water. If they're unlovable, love yourself. Realize how important it is to be a child. Go to a movie in your pajamas. Read books out loud with joy. Invent pleasures together. Remember how small they really are. Giggle a lot. Surprise them. Say no when necessary. Teach feelings. Heal your own inner child. Learn about parenting. Hug trees together. Make loving safe. Bake a cake and eat it with no hands. Go find elephants and kiss them. Plan to build a rocket ship. Imagine yourself magic. Make lots of forts with blankets. Let your angel fly. Reveal your own dreams. Search out the positive. Keep the gleam in your eye. Mail letters to God. Encourage silly. Plant licorice in your garden. Open up. Stop yelling. Express your love. A lot. Speak kindly. Paint their tennis shoes. Handle with caring.

Children are miraculous.

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President's Message

Hello Tall Pines Families! It's hard to believe that we are already into the Christmas season! By this time, I'm sure your kids have been practicing (and practicing, and practicing) their songs for the Tall Pines Christmas program ☺ It really is a fun evening ~ I love watching how animated they can be while singing!

Well, I know you've heard it all before, but it's worth saying again: take time to enjoy this special season with your children. It can get so hectic around the holidays, and it's easy to forget what a magical time it is for little ones. I wish I could get that feeling back ~ you know the one where you just can't sleep because you are so excited!! Well, for kids, this season is the best time of year, next to their birthday of course ☺ Make sure to take some time for some fun activities this month ~ one of our favorites is to make cookies together. I have to admit, I am one who over the years has let me daughter help decorate, but I take charge. Well, last year we started something new ~ I used refrigerated cookie dough in different colors, and let my girls go to town. I let them do it all, roll the dough, cut it out, decorate, the works. I sat back and watched ~ they were having so much fun! Of course, over the next month, I found sprinkles in the oddest of places, but it was so worth it. So, who cares if the house isn't spotless or the cookies aren't made from scratch ~ your kids just want to share in the wonderment of the season with you. Have fun enjoying all of your family traditions, and who knows maybe you'll start a new one this year!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season ~ Nicole

Kerler's Korner

Remember to use your grocery rebate cards and coupons while doing your grocery shopping this holiday season~ It is a no-hassle-no-cost-to-you way to earn money for our school!! Also, as the end of the year approaches and you might be looking to donate money to a non-profit cause, don't forget Tall Pines!! We are a non-profit, registered with the State of California~ your donation would be tax deductible!! If you have any questions concerning donations, please don't hesitate to contact the business office.

And most of all, we wish you the Merriest of Christmas's and Happiest of New Years
~ Nancy and Bill

Fantastic Fundraising

We have some great fundraising events coming up in the next couple months. Watch for fliers in your cubby, on the doors, and next to the sign in sheet for details. Help make this a strong community of families by participating in these fun events.

- December - Round Table Pizza Night
- January - Cookie Dough Sale
- February - Spring Flower Bulb Sale
- Coming soon - Jamba Juice day and key chain event

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A Tall Pines Christmas

On Wednesday Dec 8th and Thursday Dec 9th we would like to invite grandparents and other family members to our dress rehearsal at 11:00. Refreshments will be served. Because of tight space the evening shows are for immediate family members only. It's just too overwhelming for the little ones to have so many people- and the fire marshal may not like it either! Please bring an hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share (enough for at least 10 people).

Please practice the songs for our performance at home!

Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

The Snowman

Once there was a snowman,
a snowman, a snowman.

Once there was a snowman,
tall, tall, tall.

In the sun he melted,
he melted, he melted.

In the sun he melted,
small, small, small.



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The Little Christmas Tree

One little Christmas Tree,
standing all alone.

His heart was very sad,
he didn't have a home.

Then CHOP went the axe,
and down went the tree,
and away he went,
with the happy family!

May There Always be Sunshine

May there always be sunshine.

May there always be blue skies.

May there always be (Mommies).

May there always be me.

**Repeat: insert Daddies, Families, Friends*

Jingle Bells

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way!

Oh, what fun it is to ride
in a one horse open sleigh,
HEY!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way!

Oh, what fun it is to ride
in a one horse open sleigh,
HEY!

Dashing through the snow,
in a one horse open sleigh,

over the fields we go,
laughing all the way!

Bells on bob-tail ring,
making spirits bright.

What fun it is to ride and sing
a sleighing song tonight!

OHHH. . .

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What It Takes To Be an Understanding, Compassionate, and Healthy Person at Tall Pines Nursery School

Be Informed

- ↳ read bulletin boards
- ↳ read the newsletter
- ↳ read your work schedule calendar
- ↳ read the info in your child's cubbie

Take Steps to Solve Problems

- ↳ speak with your Class Rep
- ↳ speak with your teacher
- ↳ speak with Nancy or Bill if dues are involved
- ↳ speak with Debby, the director

Have integrity as a parent and adult

Be honest

Be non-back-stabbing

Be a good listener and send concerns to the proper person

Be non-judgmental of others, especially children

Kids are Cooking in December and January!

December

- 1 & 2 latkes
- 8 & 9 pizza
- 15 & 16 Christmas celebration in class

January

- 5 & 6 noodle soup
- 12 & 13 pancakes
- 19 & 20 bear bread
- 26 & 27 homemade pretzels

Teacher Nicole's Top 10 List

10 Things to do This Holiday Season

1. Put the kids in jammies and go for a drive to look at lights.
2. Bake cookies together.
3. Make paper chains.
4. Get a small tree that little ones can decorate and un-decorate over and over.
5. Put a candy cane in your hot chocolate.
6. Read Christmas stories as a family.
7. Write a letter to Santa and mail it.
8. Bundle up and go outside.
9. Build a snowman.
10. Remember not to do too much. It's supposed to be a fun time of year.



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Science with Teacher Julie

Make Homemade Playdough with your child

Ingredients:

2 cups of flour

2 cups of water

1 cup of salt

2 tbs of oil

1 tsp cream of tartar

1 tsp food coloring

Instructions:

1. Mix all ingredients together thoroughly in a pot
2. Add water and stir over a medium heat
3. Keep stirring until the playdough comes away from the sides of the pan
4. Let it cool before putting it into an air tight container

Tips: you can add flavoring extract like peppermint to make it smell nice. Add glitter to make sparkling play dough.

Teacher Julie

General Meeting Info.

Our next general meeting is January 20th at 7 pm. Our guest speaker will be Janet Horowitz speaking about parenting tips. If you cannot make it to a general meeting please fill out an excuse form and put it in Megan Littlejohn's file on the kitchen door.

Tall Pines Recipes

Stone Soup

You will need different veggies, chicken broth noodles, and a magic stone.

Chop with all the help you can get. Add veggies and magic stone to broth, simmer for a while then add noodles. Simmer until noodles are cooked. Enjoy!

Latkes

You will need shredded potatoes, 2 eggs, 1/4 cup milk, salt and pepper to taste.

Mix eggs and milk add potatoes and salt and pepper.

Cook on oiled griddle until brown on one side then turn. Serve with applesauce. Yummy!

English Muffin Pizza

You will need English muffins, pizza sauce, cheese and your favorite pizza toppings.

Put the pizza sauce on the English muffin. Next comes the cheese and whatever other toppings you like. Bake at 350 for about 10 minutes or until done.

An Important Reminder from Teacher Debbie

When you are playing and riding bikes at the fairgrounds be mindful that you should always keep your eyes on the children you are with. As our community grows so do the problems, and people are not always nice to children. If you see anything or anybody odd tell the fairgrounds office. Make sure you have a cell phone with you and use it to call 911 if needed.

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What Shall We Give the Children?

What shall we give the children?
Christmas is almost here.
Toys, games and playthings,
As we do every year?

Yes, for the magic of toyland
Is part of the Yuletide lore
To gladden the heart of childhood
But I shall give something more.

I shall give more patience,
A more sympathetic ear,
A little more time for laughter,
Or tenderly dry a tear.

I shall take time to teach them
The joy of doing some task.
I'll try to find time to answer
More of the questions that they ask.

Time to read books together,
And take long walks in the sun;
Time for a bedtime story
After the day is done.

I shall give these to my children
Weaving a closer tie.
Knitting our lives together
With gifts that money can't buy.

-Anonymous

A Few Friendly Reminders

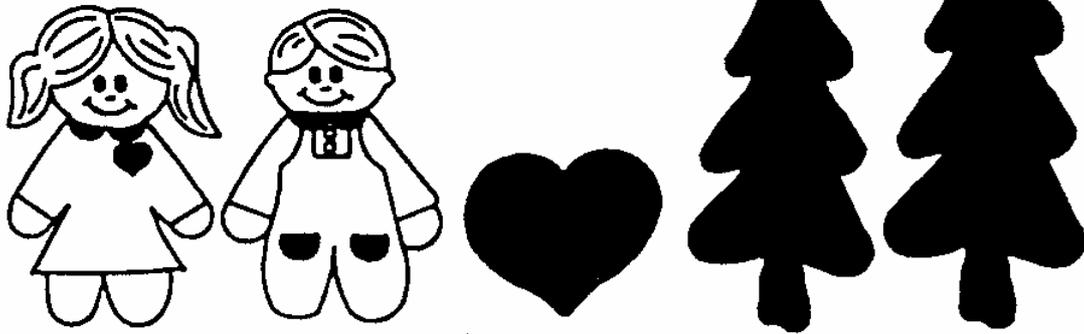
- ✦ Use the bathrooms in the school or the public restrooms at the fairgrounds- not the bushes.
- ✦ Please do not climb trees at the fairgrounds.

You may park next to the older side on rainy days only. Enter through gate 5, drive slowly- 5 mph max, and do not park or drive on the grass.



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