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Hi Everyone,

Time has flown by since our Thanksgiving break!! We have been very busy getting ready for the Holidays! We've been hard at work making our secret Santa gifts and learning our songs for the Christmas program.

We've also had some time to read some Christmas books. We've read *The Christmas Story* and *In A Manger*. We've also been singing lots of Christmas songs, especially

*Santa Clause is Coming to Town*, *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Jingle Bells*, and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. They've loved holding their bells and singing along.

The class finished a Christmas Shape Tree and a Candy Cane, which they learned about patterning red and white. We also read the book *The Little Caterpillar* which helped reinforce colors and the life cycle of a Butterfly.

Just a reminder that this Wednesday December 14th is our Christmas Program. It starts at 6:30 pm and we would like the children to be in our classroom no later than 6:25. We would love for them to be dressed in something Christmassy. The program will start with the kindergartners, then the 4 year-olds, the 3's are next, then us. The 3's will stay and sing with us. Each family is asked to bring a sweet or hors d'oeuvres to share at the reception following the show.

Thursday, December 15th is our class Christmas Party. It will start at 10 am. Since everyone is making something to bring to the Christmas Program we are asking that you make a little bit more and bring that dish to our party. That way no one has to make two different dishes so close together. We will also play some games, read a story, and make a craft. We are going to have them sing their songs again for you too! Siblings are welcome to come.

The other classes are giving out their gifts at the program, but Miss Amber and I feel it will be such an overwhelming night for our class that we are going to let them give them to you at our party. You can bring them home and put them under your tree or open them up, we'll leave that to you.

Thank you all again for your participation in the Toys for Tots and Our House donations. Every little bit helps this time of year and we were happy to donate to these charities.

Thursday the 15th is our last class before the Holidays and our next class will be January 3rd. We hope you all enjoy a Merry and Blessed Christmas and New Year! See you all on Tuesday.

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