



Edgewater News



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Hanukkah begins at sundown on the 20th

**First Day of Winter 21st
Christmas 25th**

**Kwanzaa Begins 26th
New Year's Eve 31st**

WEBSITE UPDATE

The school newsletter and lunch/snack menu will now be posted on the website. Note: This is the same newsletter you receive by e-mail, but we will remove some information. Ex: We will include park dates but not time or address. Lunch/snack menus will be posted quarterly, menus are subject to change but they usually stay as planned.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

End of the Year Program

Our End of the Year Program / Dinner will be on **Friday, December 2nd** at The Grand Long Beach Event Center in Long Beach. **The school will close at 3pm so staff can get ready. Please make arrangements for early pick up.** The children will be performing two songs with their class; Webby Dance and Young Music Company will also be performing. We will have a silent auction with great items including beach cruisers, gift certificates to restaurants, entrance passes to theme parks, airline gift certificates, and much more! This is a great holiday shopping opportunity and at the same time, you will be supporting the school. We hope everyone can make it! **See teacher's requests for your child's clothing colors on sign in and out books.**

We will also have 50/50 raffle tickets available for \$5 each (winner gets half and the school gets half). 50/50 Raffle tickets are on sale now in the office and will also be available at the program up until we draw the winning ticket. Pre-purchased 50/50 tickets may be charged to your tuition express account if you wish. With the money raised from the event, we are hoping to purchase new outside art tables.

Park Days

See parent board or e-mail.

Holiday Heroes for Foster Children

Each year we are given names of foster children that you can pick to buy a gift for the holidays. This is an opportunity to teach children the concept of giving and caring for others. We strongly encourage you to involve your child in the process by talking about what you are doing, why you are doing it, and by letting them choose a gift (depending on the age). There is a tree with ornaments by the sign in/out books. Please bring all new unwrapped gifts by Dec. 16th



Book Exchange Party

We will be having our book exchange party on **Friday, December 16th at 2:30pm.** Each child should bring a wrapped book to be given to another child in his/her class (\$5 limit please). Label who it is **from** only (do not specify who the book should go to). Our party will also consist of milk and cookies baked by the children. If your child is not enrolled on that day you may bring them at 2:30pm for afternoon snack and the book exchange (parent must stay with child).

Winter Break

This upcoming 2011-2012 school year, we will observe the December 24th and 25th Holiday on December 26th and 27th, and we will observe the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day holidays on December 29th and 30th. **Consequently, the school will be closed the week of December 26th to December 30th.** This will make it possible to handle the holiday closing of the school and give the staff an opportunity to take some well deserved vacation time.

Please remember that days in which the school is closed are already computed in our tuition due to the fact that we have a monthly tuition policy; therefore, there are some extra days that are not charged to compensate for school closed days.

Scholastic Book Orders

December book orders will be sent out on **Thurs. Dec 1st** and are due on **Thurs. Dec. 8th.** You may also order online by going to <http://www.scholastic.com/clubsordering>
Online activation code is: GZX8D

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Pixies- Roman

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

We would like to extend our congratulations to Kingston (Chipmunks) and his family who welcomed a new baby girl to the world on Nov. 5th. Both mom and baby are doing great!

CURRICULUM

This month's curriculum is: weather changes, Holiday Celebrations/Shared Traditions and the Joys of Giving.

NOVEMBER WRAP-UP

Thanksgiving feast went well. The children's cooking was great! We have come to realize that no matter where and when you have it, a Thanksgiving meal is always crazy, but lots of fun (just like home).

REMINDERS

*The school collects empty ink/laser cartridges and used cell phones year-round for recycling. Not only are we helping to alleviate the volume of waste that goes into landfills, but we are also able to raise money to purchase school materials! All donations can be dropped off in the designated box near the sign-in folders.

*Our school is also participating in the *Labels for Education*® program. It's easy to help—simply save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products and drop them off in the red box located next to the sign-in folders.

LOOKING INTO JANUARY

* **School Closed** Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day for Staff In-Service

* Silly Hat Day **Wed. 4th & Thur. 5th**

* PixiesConference **Friday, Jan. 20th.** A sign up sheet will be posted the week of **Jan. 2nd.**

* **Thursday Jan. 12th** preschool field trip to the Centennial Farms in Costa Mesa.