



KRK CONNECTION

Kids are Laughing! Kids are Learning!

December 2018



What's New...

Tis the Season...

Ms. Aliza Padberg, Director

December is here and in no time Christmas will be upon us. The hustle and bustle of holiday shopping and the children's excitement are always an awesome site to see and do.

Once Christmas comes, what do you do with all the toys? Being a mother of three, I have my fair share of toys through the holiday season. We started a tradition about 10 years ago to donate 1 new toy and 5 older toys to children in need. The Crisis Nursery in Wentzville has gladly taken our gently used toys year after year. This has been a great way to show our children that Christmas is not all about getting toys, but also giving to people in need.

Some happenings around the school are our Pre-K students will be enjoying their Polar Express party on 7th. The Christmas Party on the 14th from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Santa will be visiting in the morning. Each child is invited to bring in a \$5.00 unisex book for a book exchange to exchange with their friends in their classroom. As always, parents are welcome to come and join in the fun.

On Thursday, December 20th, the Pre-K students will be performing their Holiday Program at Wabash Elementary beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a good opportunity and the first time that many of our Pre-K kiddos will be performing in front of an audience. They have been practicing and it is sure to be a "jolly good time"!

We hope you enjoy this holiday season with your family and friends. Try and show your love and kindness to others in need.

Thank you for allowing us to care for, love and nurture your little ones. Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!



Kids 'R' Kids

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Happy Birthday Students

- 3rd – Jack D. – Gym
- 4th – Colton H. – Suite 300
- 4th – Claire D. – Suite 500
- 9th – Morgan S. – Gym
- 10th Kaila K – Suite 450
- 11th – Christian H. – Suite 300
- 16th – Eila B – Suite 550
- 16th – Mia G. – Suite PSG
- 17th – Dylan B. – Suite 500
- 17th – Diya P. – Gym
- 18th – Chloe T – Suite 300
- 19th – Layla A. – Suite 300
- 25th – Paige C. – Suite 500
- 29th – Nora W. – Suite 500
- 30th – Gabriel N. – Suite 300
- 30th – Kaylee M – Suite 500
- 30th – Jaxon S – Gym

Teachers

- 5th – Mr. Tommie – Gym
- 14th – Ms. Elysa – Suite 300
- 14th – Ms. Emma – Suite 200
- 25th – Mr. Neil – Owner

Happy Anniversary

- 1 yr – Ms Zalika S – Suite 300
- 1 yr – Ms Megan K - PSG



Excellent Curriculum for all age groups.





Teaching Children About The “Other” December Holidays

When most of us think of December holidays, we automatically think of Christmas. We see visions of Christmas trees, reindeer, and, of course, Santa Claus. However, there are many other holidays celebrated in the month of December. By teaching our children about the holidays other than the ones we celebrate in our own family, we can help them to embrace diversity and better understand the increasingly global and diverse world around them.

We are all familiar with our own family traditions. If we celebrate Christmas, we most likely decorate a Christmas tree every year. We may bake gingerbread cookies or go to church to listen to the Nativity Story. If we celebrate Chanukah, we probably light a menorah. Often though, we don't know a lot about the traditions that are associated with holidays other than our own, and this can make it difficult to teach our children about them.

Don't worry; you're in luck! Here is a list of three common holidays celebrated in December. You will also find a brief description of each and plenty of ideas and activities to help both you and your child branch out and learn more about December celebrations around the world.



In the United States, **Christmas** is the most commonly celebrated December holiday. Some families celebrate primarily by giving gifts and waiting for Santa Claus, while others focus more on Christmas as a religious celebration of the birth of Christ. If you don't usually celebrate Christmas, but want to teach your child about the holiday, you might start by reading the classic tale of the birth of Jesus or even by attending a Christmas service at a local Christian church. Or if you want to take a less religious approach, decorate a small tree and exchange gifts on December 25. You could also make your own Christmas ornaments or bake and decorate some traditional Christmas cookies.

Chanukah, also known as Hannukah, this is one of the most important holidays in the Jewish faith. Chanukah is an eight-day festival designed to celebrate the triumph of light over darkness. The holiday commemorates the victory of a small group of Jews over a powerful Greek army, and the miracle of the one-day supply of oil that burned for eight days. For ideas about how to teach kids about this Jewish holiday, visit the kids section of the website www.chabad.org. You can learn how to build your own menorah or make your own latkes, and children can even listen to an audio version of the Chanukah story.



Kwanzaa, unlike Christmas and Chanukah, Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday. It was developed in 1966 by Dr. Malauna Karenga as a way for African-Americans to connect with and celebrate their African roots. Kwanzaa is a seven-day celebration of Nguzo Saba, the seven principles of African family, community, and culture. Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 through the lighting of a special menorah called a kinara. Often, homes are decorated with colorful African cloths of black, red, and green, and people sometimes dress in traditional African clothing. Children usually receive small gifts that are symbols of their African heritage. Take a moment to visit The Official Kwanzaa Website to find more information about this holiday.

No matter what you do, children will love learning how other people celebrate the holidays, and chances are you might just learn as much as they do! For more information about other holidays celebrated in December, please visit the Parenting Squad website for ideas and information.



Kooking with 'R' Kids

Magic Reindeer Food



Reindeer food (also sometimes called Magic Reindeer Food or Magic Reindeer Dust) is for Santa's reindeer. After all, they get hungry on Christmas Eve, too!

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Total Time: 5 minutes
Yield: 1 bag reindeer food

Ingredients:

1 cup rolled oats
2-6 Tbsp red colored sugar
2-6 Tbsp. green colored sugar

Preparation:

Mix the ingredients together and place in a plastic bag, add as much colored sugar as you like for a festive effect. Tie with a ribbon and attach the following poem:



*Sprinkle this reindeer food outside tonight.
The moonlight will make it sparkle bright.
As the reindeer fly and roam.
This will guide them to your home.*

Local Holiday Light Displays

Holiday Night Lights - Wentzville, MO

November 27th - December 30th at Rotary Park

Celebration of Lights - O'Fallon, MO

November 23rd - December 30th at Fort Zumwalt Park

Wild Lights - St. Louis Zoo

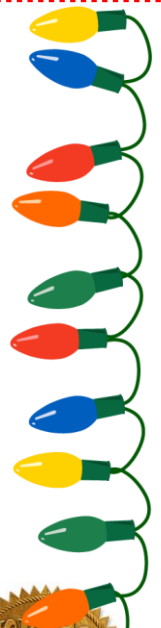
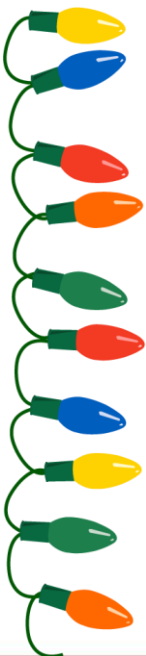
November 23th - December 30, 2018 (days vary)

Garden Glow - Missouri Botanical Gardens

November 17rd - January 1st (days vary)

Santa's Magical Kingdom - Eureka, MO

November 16, 2018 - January 6, 2019 @ Jellystone Park



Center Happenings

Please join us for an evening of celebration at our
Pre-K Holiday Program
December 20th at 7:00 p.m



Wabash Elementary
Gymnasium
100 Golden Gate Pkwy
Foristell, MO 63348

Kids 'R' Kids Holiday Celebration

December 14th, 2018
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Please have your child bring a wrapped \$5.00 book, appropriate for a girl or boy, on or before Dec. 14th. Please see your child's classroom door to sign up for party treats or to be classroom volunteer.

Weather Appropriate Clothing

Please be sure to dress your children to go outside. We try to go out even if it is around 20 degrees at least for a short time. Make sure to label hats, scarfs, both gloves or mittens, and coat.

HAPPY FIRST DAY OF WINTER
DECEMBER 21, 2018

Just a reminder...

Kids 'R' Kids will close at 2:00pm on Monday, December 24th and December 31st in preparation for the holidays.

Kids 'R' Kids will be CLOSED on Tuesday, December 25th and Tuesday, January 1st in observance of the holidays.

