



Parent Corner: "Process vs. Product"

As adults, we are concerned with the outcomes or the product of our efforts. We want the report to look nice, the cookies to taste great, or the hedges to be perfectly straight. We participate in few activities just for the fun of doing them!

In part this is because we are not still learning how to do most of these activities. But do you remember when you learned to play a sport or use a new computer program? In the beginning you needed to do a certain amount of "messing around"—exploring what would happen if you did this or that.

That is the way it is with your child. Kids are learning new things all the time, and they need the freedom to try things out without worrying about the product.

Luckily, young children tend to be more involved with the process or the doing than they are with the end product or results. That is why your child may draw all afternoon yet still not be able to tell you what he drew. It is hard for us to look beyond the product of an activity and see what the child is learning from the process. Whether it is coordination, beginning writing skills or discovering different shapes, we need to be patient and allow children to learn through the process. Enjoy watching it and later we can all be proud of the product.

Book Orders!

You'll notice I sent home a book order with each child this month. I will be sending them every month from here on out. I am a firm believer in reading to my children and assume you are too! These book orders are a great opportunity to purchase books at a reasonable cost. I hope you enjoy it!

"Christmas is for Giving"

Our theme for the month of December is "Christmas is for Giving!" December is such a fun month—we get to celebrate Christmas all month long! We will spend some of our time making a gift for each student's family which will incorporate our Art theme. We will also spend time focusing on our names and being able to put the letters together in our names. Also we will practice writing them. December 15th will be our Christmas Class Party and then we'll break for the holidays!

This Month's Studies:

- ♥ We will resume Letter and Number Study in January
- ♥ Name recognition
- ♥ Name writing/pencil grasp
- ♥ Christmas Celebration
- ♥ "Christmas is for giving"
- ♥ How to listen to your classmates when they are talking to teacher
- ♥ How to form in a line!

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Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ December Birthdays:
Logan Allen-5th
- ☺ December's King of the Month: Logan Allen
- ☺ Book Orders Due: December 15th
- ☺ Thanks for all the wonderful ABC Treats in November!
- ☺ Christmas Class Party: December 15th
- ☺ Christmas Break: December 16-January 4. Preschool Begins Jan. 5th
- ☺ January Tuition will be \$55 + \$20 Materials Fee
- ☺ Any questions contact me at:
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