



*****Junior Journal*****
for the month of December

- **Theme:** Christmas/Review
- **Introduce:** li & Jj, Manners 7 & 8; Wait your turn, Do not interrupt
- **Expressive Vocabulary:** joyous: *full of joy; happy; glad*

Happy Birthday Josephine Smith 12/27!

Language Arts: We will be reading many Christmas stories, exploring our wishes for Christmas and introducing new finger plays and flannel board stories. We'll be reading "Froggy's Best Christmas" and "The Christmas Penguin." These books teach the gift of giving and being proud of yourself. We will also review all that we have learned from the start of the year.

Concept: As the holidays are fast approaching we will continue to count down the days until Christmas. We will be playing our Christmas tree matching game as well as holiday bingo. We'll learn about holiday customs that are celebrated around the world.

Craft & Writing: The holiday season is a busy time for all of us, why should it be any different for our little elves. They have been working hard on a very special Christmas present for you! Also be on the lookout for holiday projects throughout the month. Don't forget to add a cotton ball in our homemade Santa Claus calendar as we count down to Christmas!

Important Days:

December 16.....Christmas party
 December 24.....School open for Daycare only, school closes at 3:00pm
 December 25.....Merry Christmas!/school closed
 December 24 – 31.....no preschool classes/school open for Daycare only
 December 31.....School open for Daycare only, school closes at 3:00pm
 January 1.....Happy New Year!/school closed
 January 4.....School open for all!

Santa will be stopping by for a visit on December 16. Santa will have a gift for each child; the cost is \$5.00. If you do not want to receive this gift please let the office know.