

Bobbie Noonan's Child Care Palos Hills

Pre-K News

for the month of December

Theme: Christmas and Christmas Around the World
 Introduce: Oo & Pp/star & pentagon/15 & 16/Qq & Rr

• Expressive Vocabulary: quote: to repeat someone's exact words

relinquish: to give back; to give up

• Bits of Intelligence: Birds

<u>Language Arts:</u> Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noel! Frohliche Weihnachten! These next few weeks Mrs. Tiffany will take the boys and girls on an imaginary trip around the world to see how Christmas is celebrated in other countries. We'll be making stops in Mexico, France, Italy, and Germany to learn about some of their holiday customs and traditions, and even practice saying Merry Christmas in their language! Of course our tour will end with the United States as we learn how this wonderful holiday is celebrated in our own country.

The Chimney

Here is the chimney (make fist)
Here is the top (cover fist with other hand)
Open the lid (remove hand)
Out Santa will pop! (pop up thumb)



<u>Concept:</u> We have many fun Christmas activities planned for the next two weeks. One of our main areas of concentration will be numbers and estimation. The children will be in for a surprise when they see what festive holiday items appear in the counting jar. We will also continue to work on compare and contrast using a sock and a Christmas stocking as well as a winter hat and Santa hat. A listening activity "What did you hear" will be introduced. I will have the children listen to three or four different sounds. Then they will close their eyes as I repeat one of the sounds and guess which one they hear.

<u>Craft & Writing:</u> Over the next few weeks we will be introducing the letters Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr, shapes star and pentagon, as well as the numbers 15 and 16. Some papers will include recognizing and tracing the upper and lower case letters, and tracing our new shapes as well. The children will begin to work on a very special holiday project. It will arrive home in time for Christmas!

Important Dates: