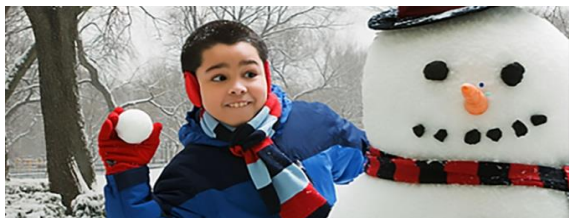


## What's going on around School?

- Is it really already December? We can't believe it! The year has flown by but we've created some wonderful memories that we will cherish for years to come. Thank you, as always, for allowing us to be a significant part of your child(ren)'s early childhood education and care and for being a part of our Today's Life family!
- Thank you to those who attended our Thanksgiving Pie and Ice Cream social event last month – we hope you enjoyed yourselves!
- With the cold and snowy weather we would like to remind you to make sure your child(ren) have appropriate clothing here at school everyday. Make sure to label all of their belongings with their first and last name.



- We'd really appreciate if you would take a moment to write a review on Today's Life on either our Google page or our Facebook Page – or, both! 😊
- Thank you to all of those who donated to PROP food drive last month! We love being able to help those in our community.
- This month will be moving right into toys for tots. You may bring a gift if you feel in the giving spirit. Please bring gifts for a child the age of birth through 16 years old. Many times the older kids 10-16 are forgotten about or they seem to get less donations is what I was told.

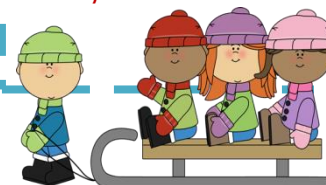
## Upcoming Events and Dates

Holiday Show and Santa – December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM  
Closed Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Closed Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Close at 4:00PM for New Year's Eve – December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Closed New Year's Day – January 1<sup>st</sup>



## December Themes

- 1) Snow
- 2) Winter
- 3) Holidays
- 4) New Year's



## 2018 HOLIDAY SHOW EVENT



We invite you all to attend our Holiday Show event on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00PM! Please make sure to return the sign-up permission slip back to the office by December 6<sup>th</sup> along with the \$7.00 fee. Feel free to invite relatives and friends as there will be plenty of seating available in the sanctuary upstairs. Santa will be here following the performance if you'd like to take pictures of your child(ren). He will also have a small gift for each child. Hope to see you there!

I will be putting out a staff favorite list again this year per parent request. We ask you please if you are bringing a gift of food/treats please bring it into the office and we will send the items home that lucky staff member. We have many allergies in the building and do not want food inside the classrooms for the safety of all the children in our care. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## Toddler and Preschool Classroom Elves

There's so much joy, happiness, holiday spirit, and excitement this time of year especially through the eyes of little children. We're excited to have our "classroom elves" back for the whole month! The sole purpose of our elves is only for fun and to get the children excited to find the elf each morning as he/she will be doing silly things or hiding in a different spot each morning in their classroom. We encourage you to get involved with your child and help them find their classroom elf each morning. Each classroom will get to name their elf so stay tuned to hear what your child's classroom elf is named!

## December Birthdays

Isabella – 1st  
Riley – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Elias – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Yvette – 21st



## WINTER JACKETS AND CAR SEAT SAFETY

As we're going through our coldest and snowiest season of the wonderful Minnesota weather it's important to keep our children safe and warm inside their car seats. The biggest way we can keep them safe is to NOT put a thick and bulky jacket on them *before* strapping them into their car seat. If your child is wearing a thick jacket it can result in the harness being too loose so it may not be effective if there were to be a crash or accident. A few ideas of things you could do to still keep them warm in the car are: 1) after securing your child in their car seat, turn their jacket around so their arms will still go in the arm sleeves and keep them warm 2) after securing your child in their car seat, cover them up with a blanket. Of course our hopes are that there would never be any sort of accident but it's important to have good car safety for everyone and to do whatever we can to keep the precious little ones safe.



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## KITCHEN HELPERS

Does your child love to help in the kitchen? Check out these age appropriate tasks they can help with:

- 2 Year Olds:** scrub, wash & clean vegetables and fruit, carry unbreakable items to the table, wash and tear lettuce & salad greens, and break bread into pieces
- 3 Year Olds:** pour pre-measured liquids into batter, knead dough, mix dry ingredients, spread butters or spreads, serve food, clear table, and care for trash
- 4 Year Olds:** peel, mash, scrub fruit and vegetables, crack open/beat eggs, cut soft foods with plastic knife, set and clear table, measure dry ingredients, clean up after cooking

Information from [cacpf.org](http://cacpf.org) & *child nutrition today magazine*

Trying to  
with your family on the weeknights or weekends?

Here's a few fun idea's for you!

- Watch a movie and create a popcorn bar
- Make your own pizza
- Make homemade ice cream
- Make your own piñata
- Make homemade pasta
- Paint pottery
- Make sock puppets and put on a play
- Make and decorate cookies
- Have breakfast for dinner
- Ice cream Sundae bar
- Have a double feature movie night

