

# HAPPENINGS

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Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural Holiday Celebration had a wonderful turn out! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and family who contributed to its success!!! Children's performances were delightful and the international dishes were delicious 😊



## Classroom Happenings:

**Toddlers:** In the month of December our students learned about the freezing temperatures and ice changes in the weather. They learned that the snowflakes and snow flurries are common in other parts of the country. They listened to stories of children enjoying by making snow men and playing in the snow. During the holiday party students dressed up in pretty clothes and had goodies brought by their parents. They listened to holiday songs and they participated in making decorative Christmas trees on paper plates. Students looked at pictures of reindeer and enjoyed listening to the famous "Rudolf the Reindeer" song. Time once again for giving and sharing; and students learned that this time of the year is a special time to do so.

**Primary 1:** The students had an enriching time learning different fabrics and how they turned into beautiful garments of clothing. Unique textures of fabrics stimulated the student sense of touch and learned various adjectives to describe them for this year's cultural celebration. The children dressed up in different cultural outfits and they were overjoyed assembling the Philippine "Parol" (snowflakes lantern) that we made. This week, we are discussing special ways that families all over the world spend their holidays together, with joy, peace and love. Everybody will share their own family holiday traditions. They will also make "Mistle Toes" to hang in their homes as a symbol of Christmas Cheer! Next week, we will have fun making a volatile volcano sprinkled with red glitters to represent flowing lava.

**Primary 2:** We talked about clothing. We wear the proper clothes for different reasons. When it is winter we wear warm clothes, when it is summer we wear comfortable and thin clothes. We cut out pictures from magazines and glued them on the art paper for our project. We did a shaving cream handwriting activity and it was fun. A part of the Holidays season kids made a Christmas card for their moms and decorated a gingerbread man for the ornament for the tree. Kids learned that all around the world people celebrate different Holidays.

Wishing you all a wonderful, safe and happy  
holiday season from all of us here at  
Cypresswood Montessori and a Very HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!!!