

# HAPPENINGS

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Our 9<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:** This month we discussed everything about winter and snowflakes. We learned colors like blue, grey and silver. Outdoor play is an important part of childhood and also provides children with the opportunity to gain social skills by interacting, collaborating and negotiating with others. Please be sure to send your child with appropriate weather gear as we will continue to go outside as the weather allows us! For many of us, a new calendar year provides impetus to reflect on the previous twelve month and to consider what we have learned and what we would like to dedicate ourselves to with renewed commitment. We want to thank everyone for all of the wonderful gifts and goodies that were given to us for Christmas. Thank you for allowing us the pleasure of caring for and teaching your most precious gifts every day!

**Primary 1:** This month students were engaged making boomerangs, which came from Australia, for the celebration of Cultural Day. They learned about many different and distinct countries. We talked about different seasons and weather. We also discussed clothes that we wear depend on the weather. The children enjoyed making their Christmas art project. This year we made angels and snowman. They learned various songs like "Light a Candle for Peace" and "Jingle Bells".

**Primary 2:** In the month of December students learned about friendship, how to make friends and be a good friend. Good friends do not hit or hurt each other. The children learned some magic words like "Please", "Thank you", "You are welcome". The class discussed special ways how families spend their holidays with peace and love all over the world. We also talked about clothing and what we are wearing in different seasons. The students enjoyed decorating the class for Holiday!

**Primary 3:** With our cold weather the class has been learning about the subnivean zone. The subnivean zone is a network of small open spaces and tunnels between the snowpack and the ground. Many animals like red squirrels, deer mice, shrews, voles, frogs, bumblebees and more depend on the subnivean zone to survive the cold winter. The snow acts like insulation to keep the area close to 32 degrees even when the air outside is much cooler.

The children really enjoyed the Blue Oyster garden donated by Liam's dad. The class got to observe the mushrooms grow and then we harvested them to eat with our lunch. It was so much fun!



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