

December Newsletter

Garden Patch CLC

When I was growing up the arrival of the JC Penney's holiday catalogue was always that prime indicator that the holidays were close. I would spend hours carefully flipping the pages of the toy section and making my wish list. I can

December Birthdays

Kinsley S.	December 1
Melody R.	December 2
Sawyer W.	December 3
Jack S.	December 4
Kai S.	December 9
Watson P.	December 10
Lilliana M.	December 13
Willow L.	December 30

recall one year that I apparently was having a difficult time narrowing things down and decided to circle all items on a few pages making my selections difficult to determine. While at the time I was very nervous to see if I would actually receive any of these items, I now have no idea if I did or not, so the good news is that Santa knew all along what I really wanted. This nostalgic piece is such an integral part of my holiday memories.

As the same JC Penney's catalogue that I used to pour over for hours doesn't exist anymore, it had me thinking about the ways in which children today begin to see signs of the holidays. While I know Amazon puts out a toy catalogue there are so many options now that there isn't just one way kids ensure their holiday wants and wishes are known. My own two spent the last weekend creating their own wish lists on Amazon and checking out various websites to ensure they had everything down.

Whether it's a nostalgic JC Penney's catalogue memory, an Amazon wish list, the smell of holiday cookies baking in the oven, or strings of lights all over the house, we hope that you find your special moments this holiday season and you are able to enjoy those with those closest to you.

We are thankful for all our families at Garden Patch and wish you a wonderful holiday season.

Jill Stogdill, director

Holiday Hours

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Here are some important calendar dates.

Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25

Closed for Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 31

Close at 3:00 pm for New Year's Eve

Wednesday, January 1

Closed for New Year's Day

Santa Cinnamon Rolls

1 can refrigerated Pillsbury Grands! Cinnamon Rolls with Original Icing (5 count)

4 oz cream cheese, softened

Red gel food color

5 small red gumdrops

1/2 c. powdered sugar

10 candy eyeballs

1 c. miniature marshmallows

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray.

Separate dough into 5 rolls. Place rolls 2 inches apart on cookie sheet; flatten rolls slightly with hands.

Bake about 10 minutes or until light golden brown and firm enough to turn. With fork, turn over and bake 5 to 8 minutes or until golden brown.

Remove to cooling rack; cool completely, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, place icing and cream cheese; beat with spoon until well blended. Stir in powdered sugar until mixed well. Transfer 1/4 cup of the icing mixture to small bowl; tint with red food color to desired color.



Cover and refrigerate until ready to decorate.

On flat side of each roll, spread about 1 tablespoon icing mixture over bottom half of roll to make base for beard.

For hat, spread tinted icing mixture to cover unfrosted part on top half of each roll, leaving a space for the eyes. Attach candy eyeballs to unfrosted portion of cinnamon roll using a small amount of icing.

Slightly flatten red gumdrop; place near top of frosted beard for nose. Press miniature marshmallows onto frosted beard, and add marshmallow on end of hat for a pom pom. Decorate using photo as a guide. Serve remaining icing mixture with cinnamon rolls, or refrigerate for another use.

Holiday Book Exchange

For the following classrooms (12 mnths & up) we will be doing a Christmas book exchange with the kids in each classroom.

We are asking that you bring in a new, Christmas-based wrapped book for your child to exchange with a friend in the classroom. Books should be brought in by Tuesday, December 17th.



Extra Clothes & Warm Clothes Reminder

Just a reminder to check your child's extra clothes supply to make sure the clothes are seasonally appropriate and the sizing is correct.

Every child should have 2-3 extra sets of clothes in the case of accidents, spills, etc.
We appreciate your support!



December Special Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11 Santa @ the Center @ 9:00	12	13 Wear a Holiday Sweater
16	17 Book Exchange (for 12 mnths on up)	18	19	20 Wear Red & Green
23	24 Closed for Christmas	25 Closed for Christmas	26 Pajama Day	27
30 Pajama Day	31 Closing at 3:00 New Year's Eve			

Bringing Holiday Magic this Season

Help us help families in the Omaha metro. Now through December 13th, donate any of these items listed below. We will collect these items and bring our collection to Big Brothers Big Sisters who will put them out to families in need in the community.

Underwear (Men/Women/Children any size) Socks Diapers Deodorant
Shampoo/Conditioner Bar Soap Toothbrushes Toothpaste

****We ask for full-sized (not travel/sample size) and unused items, please.**

Thank you to all our families for helping make the holidays a little brighter!

December Toddler & Preschool Themes

Week of December 2	Mad Scientist
Week of December 9	Gingerbread
Week of December 16	Merry Christmas
Week of December 23	Grinch
Week of December 30	Happy New Year
<u>Toddler Numbers of the Month</u>	<u>Preschool Numbers of the Month</u>
8 & 9	14, 15, & 16
<u>Color of the Month</u>	<u>Letters of the Month</u>
White	L & M
<u>Shape of the Month</u>	<u>Preschool Assessment Focus of the Month</u>
Triangle	Rhyming
Social Skill of the Month: Keeping Our Spaces Clean	

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