

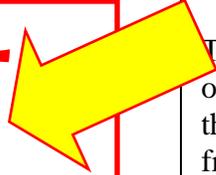


# Crafton Heights Community Preschool December News 2015



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**NO SCHOOL  
MONDAY  
NOV. 30**



The children were learning about Nocturnal animals in the month of November. They enjoyed learning that bats sleep hanging by their feet. And, they can even eat upside down! Some bats eat soft fruit, some eat insects and some eat both! Learning about a variety of owls was the most fun! The children enjoyed the different calls each owl has and the various sizes they are. They learned that owls have big eyes so they can see in the dark, soft feathers so they can fly quietly, and sharp talons and beaks to help eat the food they catch. The children enjoyed the fun owl songs & poems and hearing their calls.

We learned that other animals are nocturnal too, including raccoons, wolves, some frogs.

We also learned that some animals hibernate during the winter and read a few stories about bears getting ready for winter. The children listened to the "Sleep, bear, sleep" rhyming story about a bear who gets confused about what is being said.

We played a listening BINGO game, sounds in your house. We were amazed that the children knew some of the more obscure sounds, such as the grandfather clock, crackling of a fireplace and the clunk of ice cubes in a glass.

At this time of year, as we give Thanks- I'd like to acknowledge the 5 years of dedicated service to CHCP by Michelle Imler. I am grateful & thankful for her friendship, inspirational ideas and teachings here at preschool. Mrs. Imler has accepted a job with WQED as part of their education team. We wish her the best success working with our partners at WQED. Mrs. Imler last day is November 25.

We welcome Mrs. Amanda Hughes as our additional classroom assistant. Mrs. Jameson has accepted the position as the 3's teacher. Mrs. Hughes & Mrs. Jameson are excited for their new roles at preschool and so are we.



We also read a few books about being thankful for things we have. Family, parks to play at, warm clothes and shoes, friends and food to eat. The children painted turkeys and said what they are Thankful for. Be sure to read them on display on the bulletin board in our classroom



Invite your family & Friends to join us for our **Christmas Program & Festival December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am.** Our songs will be in the sanctuary followed by a time of games & cookies downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Our morning should be over by 11:30am.  
 Christmas Break from Dec. 21- Jan. 3.  
 School resumes January 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30am.

**NO HOAGIE SALE**  
 In December  
 Our next hoagie sale is in January-  
 Orders due Jan 13  
 Pick up Jan 19<sup>th</sup>  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**  
 You sold 300 hoagies in November!  
 Be sure to "Like"  
 North Shore Deli facebook page!  
 Spread the word about their awesome hoagies!

**WEATHER & SCHOOL CANCELLATION POLICY**

We will only close in extreme bad weather. Usually the roads are clear by 9:30 most winter days. Be sure that you are signed up to receive the "Remind" text messages from preschool. This will be our main way to communicate school closings and delays. If we have a delay, school will start at 10:00am. We will also post on facebook and email usually by 8am.



In December we will be reading Christmas stories, singing songs & making gifts. We will have Christmas activities focused on learning; counting bows, building a santa face, making a reindeer & scents of the season. We will learn about baby Jesus and his love for us as we talk about the Christmas nativity.



