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# Academy Kids Mesquite Newsletter

## Christmas Program

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Christmas program. The program will begin at 10:30. **Ms. Rhonda is asking that all children in the program wear scarves and gloves for the program.** We do ask that all parents and family members stay out of the gym until 10am to give the children ample time to run through the program just one more time. Remember to invite friends and family to see your little ones on stage.

## Christmas Parties

The class Christmas parties will be on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be looking for more information about each class's party in your child's folder. If there is something specific you would like to bring to share with the class, talk to your child's teacher soon. We'd also like to have one last pajama day of the year – wear your Christmas pj's to school for the parties!

## Happy New Year 2010!!

The Academy Kids staff would like to wish everyone here a Happy New Year! Our prayers and blessings go out to all of our families as we start a new year together. We look forward to teaching and nurturing your children another year of their precious lives.

## Dance at Academy Kids

Center Stage Dance will be performing in the upcoming Christmas program with Ms. Juli. There is no cost for this. The girls are asked to wear their ballet shoes during the program; there is not enough time to change in between songs. Please remember to pay your \$25 monthly tuition on time. You can place your child's dance tuition in the school's tuition mailbox in the office but please make out your checks separately for dance and school.

## Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> this month. The cost is \$15 per child, \$20 for two children and \$25 for three or more. We open the doors at 6:30 - 10:30. The kids will be served dinner, snacks and drinks, watch movies, play games and much more. You can email or call us with your reservation or you can show up at the door. We hope to see you here!

## Red Dragon Karate

Don't forget to pay your karate tuition on time. The fee is \$25 per month made out to Red Dragon Karate. All karate tuition can be placed in the black tuition box in the office.

## Upcoming Events:

### Bring your TEDDY BEARS to school

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

### Kids Night Out

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

### Class Christmas Parties

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Wear your Christmas pj's to school!

### Christmas Program

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am

### Christmas Break

December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>

### First Day of the Spring Semester

Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## Happy Birthday Teachers

Ms. Cassey 12/18

## Happy Birthday Students

Rider V. 12/2  
Nora N. 12/6  
Samantha C. 12/10  
Natalie Grace C. 12/16  
Devon M. 12/17  
Abby R. 12/23  
Wyatt C. 12/30

## We're ONLINE!

We've joined the World Wide Web! Check out the new Academy Kids website online - [www.academykidsmesquite.com](http://www.academykidsmesquite.com). This will be an awesome way to see the curriculum, find forms needed for enrollment, view important information, and keep in touch with the staff.

## Tuition Notice

Your child's tuition fee is due each month by the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to have your child's tuition fees paid on time each month. There will be a \$10 late fee for any tuition paid after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have any questions about your fees, please talk to someone in the office.



## This Month's Curriculum Highlights:

**Week 1: Shapes and Sizes**  
12/2 and 12/4

**Letter Ss**

Chapel: Delivered From the Fiery Furnace  
"Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, for He sent His angel to deliver them."  
Daniel 3:24

**Week 2: Teddy Bear Bonanza**  
12/9 and 12/11

**Letter Bb**

Chapel: Daniel in the Lions Den  
"My God has sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths." Daniel 6:22

**\*\* Bring your teddy bears to school on Wednesday 12/9\*\***

**Week 3: Merry Christmas!**  
12/16 and 12/18

**Letter Mm**

Chapel:

Baby Jesus is Born

"Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

## Upcoming Homeschool Field Trips:

December 9, 2009

Museum of Nature and Science -  
Science of Spying Exhibit

The cost is \$9 per person. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch and we will have a picnic there. Your child will receive an Academy Kids shirt that **MUST** be worn on the field trip. This is yours to keep to wear on future field trips with the class.

## Keeping Children Calm During the Holidays

As parents we want the best holiday season for our children. We want them to remember the fun, the excitement and the family togetherness this time of year brings to us all. But this can often times work against a child's needs and create unwanted holiday stress. Children sometimes become lost in the shopping, the decorations, activities, cooking and entertaining. Here are some tips to keeping our children calm during this busy time of year.

- ❖ Keep your child on their normal schedule as best as possible. Hold on tight to those special parts of your daily routine – holding, play, conversation, reading, bath and family dinner.
- ❖ Simplify your holiday to-do list and let your children help. Remember they too are a big part of this memory making holiday.
- ❖ Give the children a holiday play box. Give them wrapping paper, scissors, tape and glitter and allow them time to enjoy the excitement of presents. They can do this while you are wrapping gifts. Be sure to display their work of art in your home!
- ❖ Let them play with play-doh and cookie cutters while you are baking. This keeps them in the kitchen and makes them feel a part of the family festivities.
- ❖ While you are preparing and sending out holiday cards, allow your children tie to make cards for their friends, parents and grandparents.

*These ideas were taken from Jan Faull who wrote " Keeping Kids Calm During Holiday Time" which can be found at <http://familyfun.go.com/parenting/child/skills/feature/dony129fastress/dony129fastress.html>*

## Fun Family Ideas to Celebrate Christmas!

- Drive around and look at Christmas lights while singing or listening to holiday carols.
- Donate toys to a local charity, Toys for Tots or even from an Angel Tree. Help them to understand the holiday is for giving. Have them make a card to also give with their toy.
- Have a birthday party for Jesus! Decorate a birthday cake for Jesus and remember what His birth and life mean to us. Remember the reason for the season and even sing the Happy Birthday song to Him.
- Transform Dad (or Mom) into a decorated Christmas tree. Supply your kids with green and red crepe paper, aluminum foil, and masking tape and decorate the parent as a human Christmas tree. Take a family photo afterwards to remember the occasion.
- Track Santa Claus online. There are many websites that track his location around the world but one good website is [tracksanta.com](http://tracksanta.com).



