

Pembroke News

December 2014

Miss Andrea

Second Harvest Food Bank Report

Pembroke Kids and Friends worked very hard to raise both awareness, non-perishable foods, and cash for Second Harvest. Thank you to all who participated. Your generosity helps many families. The cash raised and food donated will purchase over 3,040 meals! Thank you again for your support!

Christmas Holiday

Our classrooms and hallways are festive! Please spend time looking at the wonderful art our children have been creating. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to share holiday traditions and special stories in your child's class. Our students, most of all, appreciate parents and special friends visiting and spending time in the classrooms.

Important: The last day of school before the holiday recess at Pembroke Kids is Friday, December 19th.

ALL CLASSES WILL DISMISS 12:00 NOON. THERE ARE NO AFTERNOON CLASSES.

School will reopen Monday, January 5, 2015.

Registration

We are preparing 2015-2016 registration materials, which will be sent home on or before December 19th. Registration for 2015 – 2016 is underway. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Returning Pembroke families have a protected period from December 16, 2014 to January 10, 2015. During this time you will be assured to receive the schedule you wish. After that deadline, families new to Pembroke will be scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis along with returning Pembroke families. If you choose to schedule 3 consecutive days, one of those days must be a Monday or a Friday.

Tutoring at Pembroke Kids

Pembroke Kids Tutoring Program is up and running! Pembroke offers flexible scheduling in an affordable program working with children from preschool to grade 6. If you are looking for either enrichment or extra help for your student, please speak to either Andrea or Steve for details.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

For the past 4 years Pembroke Kids has been fortunate enough to be a drop-off/pick-up site for a CSA. Sadly, our Ohio farmer retired and moved to Arizona. There is, however, a bright spot. We have located an **organic** farmer in Sullivan, Ohio who is interested in

delivering to Pembroke for 18 weeks during summer 2015. This is exciting news because the farm is an hour away from Avon Lake! This is truly farm to table with the opportunity to meet and form a relationship with the grower. He encourages farm visits to learn more about growing methods. Information sheets are in the office. Only 7 months to summer and fresh produce!

Attention All Cell Phone Users

As a courtesy to both your children and teachers, please refrain from the use of cell phones while you are either dropping off or picking up your children. Your children are excited to share information about their day with you; they deserve your attention.

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Miss Sue and Miss Rebecca

A BIG thank you to all our moms and dads who came in to read to our class! The children love when their favorite book from home is shared with the class.

We are so thankful and grateful for all our wonderful families! One of our students summed this up by saying "I'm in the mood for . . . being grateful. Hey how about you?" This is one of our favorite songs we sing with Mr. Steve but he added his own verse. We thought this was a great idea for all of us to think about.

As you can imagine, our students are full of fantastic ideas and joy this time of year. December will allow us time to learn about our families' customs and traditions during this season. We look forward to parents (or maybe even grandparents) coming into the classroom to share a craft or story in the next couple of weeks. Please sign up soon!

In the classroom the children are working hard journaling and sounding out a word or two to describe their pictures.

The older children in the classroom are helping their younger classmates by turning on the water, zipping a coat, or reminding them to be quiet at meeting time. They are really taking on that leadership role.

This is a good time to change out the summer clothes in your child's clothes box and replace them with warmer clothes.

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Miss Theresa and Miss Kathy

The beginning of November was filled with classroom activities focused on Community Helpers. The children enjoyed our visit from the Police Officer, especially getting to see AND hear the police car up close! After reading several stories about Postal Workers, we delivered a few pieces of mail ourselves. The first piece of mail the children decided to write was a thank you letter to Miss Stefanie for getting dressed in the firefighter gear when the fireman visited. The second piece of mail they wrote was to Mr. Steve telling him that they like going to music. The children are doing a wonderful job of sound spelling and have discovered another purpose for writing – to send mail!

The last few weeks we have been reading about what it means to be thankful. We worked together to cut out and decorate a huge turkey. The children dictated what they were thankful for and glued the feathers on the turkey that hangs proudly in the hall. The sensory table has been a busy place as the children scooped, poured and mixed the oats and cinnamon. They made pies, cakes, soup and much more! The sensory table is always a busy place as the children actively engage in play and learning. They are learning about volume, capacity and measurement as they scoop, pour and mix. They are also learning and using vocabulary and working on their social skills as they interact with their friends.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have come into the classroom to read a story or to help with small group! Your time spent in our classroom has been enjoyed immensely by the children and teachers alike!

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Miss Carrie and Miss Kelly

We are so excited and proud of our Young 3's classes. They continue to gain self-confidence and mastery of new concepts. This month, we have worked very hard on learning shapes, letters, and colors. In the coming months we will be learning more about colors and numbers. We will continuously revisit shapes and letters as well. We plan to have a teddy bear week and will be learning about animals and foods.

Sharing Holiday Traditions starts in December. If you would like to share a craft or read a story to our class, please sign up on the sheets posted outside our room.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Holiday Sing-a-Long on Monday, Dec. 15th and Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 11:30 AM. Mr. Steve is singing with our students to learn familiar holiday songs we can all sing together. Flyers will be coming home soon.

Winter weather is here already! Please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor play with boots, snow pants, mittens, and a hat. We make every

effort to go outdoors each day. Also, if you haven't done so already, it's time to change your child's classroom clothing box from warm weather wear to cold weather with long-sleeve shirts and pants.

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Miss Molly - Mixed Age

I hope all of you had a fabulous Thanksgiving. Also, thank you to all of the families who came to read to our class last month. The students truly enjoy guest readers.

The class enjoyed learning about the "Olden Days." In fact, some students found the "Olden Days" to be "really silly." They are now able to differentiate between things that happened long ago versus things of today.

In December, we will focus on The Gingerbread Man and the variations of the story. The students will focus on retelling, similarities, and differences amongst the stories.

Also in December, parents are welcomed to share a craft, story, or food from their December traditions. There is a sign up sheet outside of our classroom. Cheers!

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Miss Molly and Miss Carrie - Pre-K

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Also, thank you very much for making our Thanksgiving feast possible! The students had a fabulous time!

In December, we will continue learning letters, until we have learned all of them. The second week of December we will learn the letters P & J. On the Thursday of the second week, students are invited to wear their "P.J.'s" to school in honor of learning these two letters.

Also in December, parents are welcome to share a craft, story, or food from their family traditions. There is a sign up sheet outside of our classroom. Cheers!

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Miss Stefanie - Kindergarten

I hope everyone had a blessed and relaxing Thanksgiving break. A huge THANK YOU to all the parents who provided food, helped set up, served and cleaned up at our Thanksgiving Feast. The kids had a great time and the food was delicious! We worked hard on using our manners and I was so proud to hear all of the kind words and manners used at the Feast!

November came and went so quickly, but we were super busy in kindergarten. Each child decorated a turkey at home and wrote their own story about their turkey. We

learned about Community Helpers and had visits from the Avon Lake Police and Fire Department. We also learned and practiced using our good manners at the table and when replying to questions.

In December we will be focusing on reading, writing, addition, subtraction and the introduction of 3-D shapes. The month will go by fast and will be filled with lots of fun activities.

The Holiday Concert is on December 17 at 11:30 AM in the Wiggle Room. The last day of school before Winter Break is December 19th and is an EARLY DISMISSAL for EVERYONE. Your child will need to be picked up by NOON. That day is also Pajama Day. I will send more information home soon. We will be looking for parent volunteers in the morning to run some fun centers for the kids. More info to come.

Thank you for all that you do for our classroom! I feel truly blessed to be able to spend such quality time with your children!

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Holiday Traditions - Dec. 8 - 18th

December is a month filled with many types of holiday celebrations and traditions. In our classrooms, we will be talking about different holiday celebrations around the world.

During this holiday season, we invite you to share one of your family traditions or a craft with your child's class. This can be in the form of food (eg., making potato latkes or decorating cookies), making gingerbread houses out of graham crackers, singing carols, making holiday decorations, or reading a favorite story.

Sign-up sheets are posted outside your child's classroom if you would like to participate.

Holiday Concert - Dec. 17th - 11:30 am

Preschool-Kindergarten Holiday Concert:
Weds., Dec. 17th - 11:30 AM

If your child does not attend school on Wednesday, they can still participate. Please bring your child to his/her regular classroom at 11:20 AM on the 17th.

M-W Young 3's Sing-a-Long:
Mon., Dec. 15th - 11:30 AM

T-Th Young 3's Sing-a-Long:
Tues., Dec. 16th - 11:30 AM

Due to very limited space, we are asking that only parents and younger siblings attend the Holiday Concert as well as the Young 3's Sing-a-Long.

Pajama Day - Friday, Dec. 19th

All students who attend school on Friday, Dec. 19th, should wear their pajamas to school! Our students love wearing their pajamas to school! Even our teachers will be wearing pajamas.

We have some very special activities planned for this day!

Early Dismissal - Friday, Dec. 19th

ALL Pembroke students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon on Friday, Dec. 19th. THERE ARE NO AFTERNOON CLASSES.

After care for students bussed to Pembroke will be in session as usual.

We are closed for winter break starting Monday, Dec. 22nd. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Outdoor Clothing Reminder

We make every effort to take our students outside every day. However, if the conditions prohibit safe outdoor play, we will stay inside and our students will practice their large motor skills in the Wiggle Room. PLEASE make sure your child is prepared for outdoor play every day they attend school. Even if it is quite frigid when you bring your child to school in the morning, temps often rise within hours and the Director may deem it appropriate for outdoor play.

Besides a warm coat, hat, and gloves, on a cold, snowy day your child will need snow pants and boots! Also, shoes AND SOCKS are a must every day! Boots should not be worn all day in the classroom. They are cumbersome and can cause our students to trip. Please make sure every item of clothing has your child's name on it!

Mommy and Me - Coming in January!

We are looking for busy, active toddlers for our Friday morning Mommy and Me class, which will start in January. This is a fun time for parents/caregivers and toddlers (18-24 mos.) to interact. Our focus is on gross motor activities and hands-on exploration. Please let Andrea know if you are interested. Invite your friends!

Inclement Weather School Closing

Pembroke's school closing policy follows the Avon Lake Public Schools. If the Avon Lake Public Schools are closed, Pembroke will also be closed. There are many sources you can use to find out this information.

Besides TV, we will post school closings on our website, www.pembrokekids.com, and Facebook www.Facebook.com/pembroke.kids by 7 AM. You can also call the school office (440-933-3782). We will change our main greeting by 7 AM.

2015 Open House Dates

If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about Pembroke Kids, please let them know about our upcoming open houses. This will be an excellent chance to explore our classrooms and learn more about Pembroke's early childhood programs and day school.

Our open house dates are:

- Dec. 9 (Tues.) – 1 – 6 PM
- Jan. 6 (Tues.) – 1 – 6 PM
- Jan. 24 (Sat.) – 9 AM – noon
- Feb. 21 (Sat.) – 9 AM – noon
- Mar. 21 (Sat.) – 9 AM – noon

Box Tops for Education

We continue to collect Box Tops for Education emblems. Simply clip the Box Tops emblem found on hundreds of products and bring them into your child's classroom. You can also earn eBox Tops for our school. Before you shop on line, check out BTF.com/marketplace.

Labels for Education

We are also collecting Labels of Education that help schools earn educational materials. Just drop these labels in the red box outside of the office. A list of brands and products that carry these labels is listed above the box.

Giant Eagle shoppers can help earn even more labels by registering your frequent shopper card at www.elabelsforeducation.com.

Did you know . . .

Pembroke Offers Tutoring

To help inspire the love of learning in the new school year or minimize academic stress, Pembroke offers one-to-one and group tutoring. Tutoring is available for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Each student's program is built around their personal needs. If you know of a

friend or neighbor that could benefit from our services, please tell them about our unique approach!

. . . and Before and After School Care

Do you have to leave for work before the school day begins or do you need a safe place for your child after school? Consider Pembroke's Before and After Care Program. Designed for students in kindergarten through 6th grade, we can provide a safe, supportive environment guided by experienced teachers. We also offer limited before and after care for preschoolers. Call the office for more information.

School Absences

We appreciate a phone call when your child is absent due to illness or other reasons. Please call the office (440-933-3782) as soon as you know your child will not be attending school.

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 8 – 18 Holiday Traditions
- Dec. 17 Holiday Concert – 11:30 AM
- Dec. 19 Pajama Day
- Dec. 19 NOON dismissal for ALL
- Dec. 22 Winter break begins
- Jan. 5 School resumes

Keep up to date with school activities by checking our school calendar in the Parent section of our website: www.pembrokekids.com

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*Merry Christmas
from everyone at
Pembroke!*