

# ~Toddlers~

As we say goodbye to November, we look back on all that we are Thankful for; our family, friends, and good food to name a few. We practiced our turkey gobble, and squawks as we sang songs about Thanksgiving. The toddlers enjoyed the game “leftover” where they practice shifting partners and sharing their treasures. The toddlers also had the opportunity to explore gourds and corn and we talked about how and what people harvested and grew for the winter.

December is set to be filled with the joys of that make the memories of the season. The first week of December will be all about the magic of winter. We will discover the different shapes and sizes of snowflakes, and what can be done with snow. Going straight from the cold to the heat we will dive straight into the oven with gingerbread houses and gingerbread man. From there we will talk about the celebration of Kwanza, Hanukkah, and Christmas. Our toddlers will explore the differences between what is eaten, how it is celebrated, and the reason for celebrating. They will partake in different foods, décor, and songs that are played. We hope that the children share in some similarities of their family celebrations as we learn about the many ways to celebrate this time of year.

We are sad to say farewell to our lovely friend Billy as he will be moving on to preschool. We look forward to our new friend Grace that will start her transition and join our toddler family. We hope everyone has a long winter break and an exciting New Year! The staff look forward to hearing about the ways your family celebrated the seasons!

As we anticipate a change in the weather we ask that parents please be sure to have their children’s cubby stocked with the necessary gear such as; snow pants, boots, hats, gloves and extra clothes.

Happy Holidays,  
The Toddler Staff

## Minty Ice Playdough

- 3 cups of flour
- 3/4 cups of salt
- 6 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 3 tablespoons of vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon of peppermint extract
- blue or aqua food coloring {add only 1-2 drops at a time}
- 3 cups water