December 19, 2001

Dear Families,

In addition to our recent theme of “Me, Myself and I,” we have kept busy with other activities. We enjoyed a wonderful Hanukkah celebration with the whole school. In our classroom we read “Sammy Spider’s First Hanukkah” and lit our very own teddy bear menorah. The children also made dreidels with Ms. Sirkin in the art room.

We want to thank Claudia and her mom for bringing us traditional German homemade treats earlier this month in celebration of St. Nicholas. Oliver brought us pinecones from the country that the children decorated and hung on our Christmas tree. Lucas and his mom brought us delicious homemade sugar cookies that we iced and sprinkled and ate for a very special snack. We have also been learning a few Christmas songs and preparing for the school tableau. Our class will be dressed as sheep and sing a special song, “Little Jesus Sweetly Sleep.” The tableau starts at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, the 21st in Room 630. Families will be given time for photos in our classroom after the tableau. All children will be dismissed from the classroom between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.

As school will be closed for two weeks, all cubbies must be emptied, except for spare clothes. Blankets for rest time should be taken home to be laundered. The best time to do this is on Thursday at pick up time.

Talking to your child about school during the two week vacation and arriving early each day in the New Year (before 9:00 a.m.) will help ease separation concerns for the whole class when school reopens. Enjoy the tableau, have a happy and safe holiday season and we look forward to starting the New Year together.

Sincerely,

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