

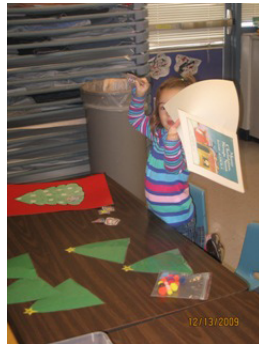


Multi-Cultural Holiday

December 14-18, 2009

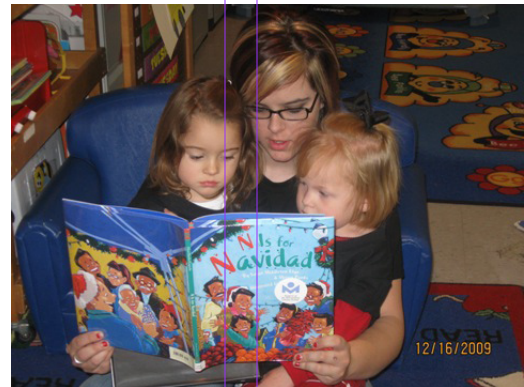


The children had a glimpse of Hanukkah through experience with the wooden Menorah set and the Dreidel (art table). The books the children were introduced to were *Hanukkah, A Counting Book*, by Emily Sper (in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish) and *Celebrating Chanukah--Eight Nights*, by Debbie Martinez.



While reading the book, *Merry Christmas, Strega Nona*, by Tomie dePaola; the children experienced concepts of number through a Christmas tree/match activity.

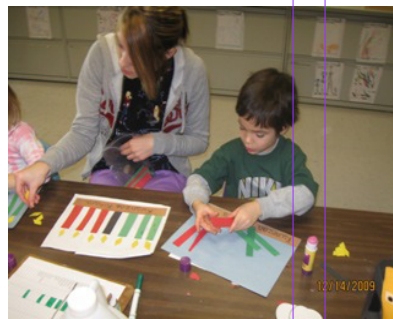
In an effort to introduce a spectrum of celebrations from other cultures, the teachers have planned a variety of activities. These pages show some of the activities the children enjoyed.



The children read *N is for Navidad*, by Susan Middleton Elya. In the Reading center the children experienced a felt wall activity, "What's in Santa's Bag?"



After reading *K is for Kwanzaa*, by Juwanda G. Ford, the children participated in a project at the Art center.



After reading *Legend of the Poinsettia*, by Tomie dePaola, the children participated in an art project depicting poinsettias. This book is based upon the Mexican legend of the poinsettia in which a little girl offers weeds to the Christ Child as her gift for Christmas.



On December 15 the children walked to Adult Day Center located on campus to sing carols to the "Grandma's and Grandpa's." After singing, the children passed out hand-made cards to the participants. The children always enjoy interacting with the senior adults.



Besides visiting with Santa last week, the children also had various experiences with Santa--one symbol of America's Christmas.

On December 16 the children participated in the EOC Tech talent show. We were the first act, and the children did a **fantastic job!** One of the adult student, Joshua Buffalohead, accompanied the children as they sang two Christmas songs. They made quite an impression in their matching shirts as well.



Practicing!

The children were able to stay for two additional acts--Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, and the Clinton Family Christmas (both really cute).

