



Mr. Mike's

# toddler tree

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Dear Parents,

We are all very busy preparing for our Frozen Winter Festival. Your children have been creating gifts to share with you. They have also been practicing for the program that will be held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Candy Gum Party Place. Don't forget to motivate your child to participate in the show. We are all looking forward to it! More information below.

Try to make this an extra special month for your little ones. Incorporate "the holiday spirit" into your everyday activities. Sing carols in the car or surprise the kids with a small candy or ornament. Take time to be with your family for about 30 minutes every day: wrapping gifts, making crafts, baking cookies or having hot chocolate, reading books and being together. As we do these small things for our kids, it is our hope they will have special memories of their holidays: time spent together as a family.

Our best wishes go out to you and your loved ones as we endeavor to serve our families this Holiday season. May you and your family receive an extra blessing this month as you celebrate together.

Happy Holidays!  
Anna Cristina Severeid

## TIPS FOR A HEALTHY WINTER

1. Have your children wash hands often.
2. Avoid close contact with sick children.
3. Have kids use a tissue to sneeze or cough into, not their hands.
4. Drink a lot of fluids to feel better.
5. Get outside; fresh air is good for sinuses.
6. Give your kids Vitamin Supplements.
7. Stay away from smoke.
8. Relax; stress can cause colds to linger.
9. Go holistic; herbal medicines are safer.
10. Exercise builds stronger immunity.

## Frozen Winter Festival

All Toddler Tree students who will be participating in this program should be dropped off at the main entrance of the underground parking lot of Plaza San Pedro, where Toddler Tree personnel will receive them between 8:45 and 9:05am, walking them to the party place for a dress rehearsal. Because the children and teachers are back stage, the back door of Candy Gum will remain closed at all times, no exceptions. The only access available to staff, students and parents will be the main entrance of Candy Gum which will open doors for parents at 10:30 and the program will begin punctually at 10:35am.

We are trying to make our students feel comfortable so they are able to perform the songs they have been practicing for several weeks now. By relieving them from anxiety and nervousness as much as possible, they will surely perform better for you.

Here are some measures you can take to help your child be more relaxed during

the program:

- leave younger siblings in care of someone at home
- come in and take a seat quietly
- do not interrupt the performers' attention by calling out their name, waving or signaling your presence
- avoid blocking other people's views during the performance for picture taking (the dress rehearsal will be professionally photographed and videotaped)
- remain patient if your child is uneasy or crying- our staff will do their best to redirect their attention, eliminating undesired behavior
- enjoy (& generously applaud) the children's effort :)

Once all groups have finished performing, teachers will direct students to where their parents are located. We ask that you please remain seated and quiet during

the entire presentation, showing respect for other performers and their families, avoiding unnecessary distractions such as cell phone conversations, talking among the audience or changing seats. "Frozen" is about 30 minutes in length. The costumes, accessories and props provided for the show should be returned to your child's teacher before leaving. We will offer a brunch for parents and children after the program and with your supervision, the kids may stay for play time until noon.



# DECEMBER

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Felipe Treviño  
December 19

## Calendar dates and reminders:

Dec. 2 Santa is coming to Toddler Tree! Individual photo session with Baby Madero in our gym.

Dec. 16: Balloons to Santa during our recess time from the playground.

Wednesday, Dec. 13: Frozen Winter Festival at "Candy Gum " party place. (Plaza San Pedro)

Tuesday, Dec. 20 last day of school Classes resume on Thursday, January 5, 2017

The children will understand the meaning of giving and helping during the holidays, identify seasonal vocabulary, and participate in our Frozen Winter program.

Theme: Winter Holidays

COGNITIVE:

Vocabulary.

Santa, elf, reindeer, happy, magic, Christmas tree, wish, stars, bright, presents, bow.

Action Verbs.

Give, serve, get, sing, dance, jump, make, sing, dance, turn, hip, give, get, laugh.

Language Patterns.

I wish....we wish....It's cold/hot/warm. This is..../ These are.....

Colors.

Green, red, introduce white.

Books.

I can't Wait Until Christmas, Santa's Helpers, My Christmas Treasury, Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer, Santa's Toy Shop, Wee Mouse Christmas, Santa's Sleigh.

Concepts.

Hot / Cold; Light / Dark; Asleep / Awake; Apart / Together; Giving / Receiving.

Math Skills.

Review circle and square. Introduce number 2.

Science Discoveries.

Explore with light and shadow. Work with different sounds. Compare temperatures. Chemical reactions with heat and temperature. Recognizing sounds: bells, train, whistle, snoring, etc.

FINE ARTS

Students will craft gifts for Christmas. Also, children will be involved in painting the set, making costumes and props for the Rockefeller Christmas show.

MOTOR SKILLS

Fine Motor Skills. Practice stirring, mixing, pouring. Twisting and tying chenille stems.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.

Following rhythm patterns, Dancing coordination while following motions and rehearsing for Winter Festival. Other exercises: 3 step obstacle courses, jumping and kicking.

Music. Focus on rhythm sequences using different songs and rhymes. Program songs: The Colors of Winter, Jingle Bells, and the Snowflake rhyme.

Value of the Month: Generosity.