

What's humming in the Hummingbird Class In December?

YOUR TERRIFIC TODDLER!

Cognitive Development Activities for the Month:

- The children will enjoy the wonder of Christmas all while learning such things as the changing season, circles (Frosty the Snowman), and the fun textures of the season such as bows, wrapping paper, and ornaments.
- We will continue to work on learning the names of our body parts. We really love to sing "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes"

Physical Development (Large & Small Muscle) Activities for the Month:

Large Muscle Skills:

- We will practice more on the jumping mat and tunnel and have a snow blizzard by throwing coffee filters ("snowflakes) high in the air.
- We will learn how animals hibernate and practice sleeping in a cave just like our furry friends. Small Muscle Skills:
- We will be doing lots of gluing this month to prepare for our holiday gifts.
- We will be introducing the idea of tearing. There will be a special box for the papers we are tearing.

Creative Art Development Activities for the Month: The children will be making lots of projects related to snow and the holidays. Make room on your refrigerator!

Hummingbird Themes for December...

- From Head To Toe I can do it!
- Gift Giving
- Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!
- Frosty the Snowman
- Hand Signs: "Thank You" "Help"
- Songs "Where is Santa" and "I'm a Friendly Snowman".
- STEAM: Katie the Candy Cane Fairy
- Letters: E.F.G

Hand Signs...

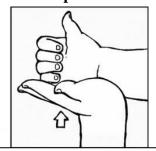
Each month we will introduce a "Hand Sign" to your little ones. Sign Language helps toddlers communicate their needs.

Thank You



For Thank you, hold your open hand down and place on your chin. Make a movement away from your face

Help



For Help; the bottom hand lifts the fist hand up, like a helping hand.





Where is Santa? (tune to "Are you Sleeping?")

Where is Santa? Where is Santa? Here I am! Here I am! Merry, Merry Christmas! Merry, Merry Christmas! HO! HO! HO!, HO! HO! HO!



I'M A FRIENDLY SNOWMAN (tune of: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a friendly snowman
Big and Fat
Here is my tummy, here is my hat
I'm a happy fellow, Here's my nose
I'm all snow from my head to my toes!
I have two bright eyes so I can see
all the snow falling down on me.
When the weathers cold I'm strong and tall
When it's warm, I get very small.