



WHAT'S "QUACKING" IN THE DUCKLING CLASS FOR



DECEMBER 2020

Letters of the Month

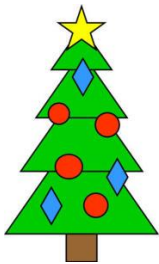
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The children will continue making the letter of the week doorknob hangers and working on their Handwriting Without Tears workbook pages!

Nursery Rhyme of The Month

"I'm a Little Teapot"



Shape of the Month

The Ducklings will be reviewing the shapes they have learned so far. They will have lots of fun with shapes. After reading *"The Biggest Christmas Tree Ever"* in small groups, the teacher will show a simple Christmas tree scene on a large piece of paper. Each of the objects in the scene is a different shape: a triangular tree, a rectangular trunk, round ornaments, and square presents. The teacher will call out the names of the shapes and let the children take turns pointing to those shapes in the scene. They will then attempt to cut out these shapes and create a picture themselves.



Happy Holidays!

The children will be...

- Shopping at the Holiday Gift Shoppe
- Doing chores and raising money for local families in need
- Practicing Holiday Songs and putting on an outdoor Winter Song Concert for you!
- Making special Holiday gifts just for you!



New Word of the Month

Mistletoe: A plant that bears white berries in the winter. It is a tradition to kiss when underneath it!



Story of the Month

The Elves and the Shoemaker





Skills Introduced This Month



Working on Good Handwriting Posture

The children will perform different exercises that will help to get them into good handwriting posture. This includes pressing their hands together, waving their arms around, linking their fingers and pulling their arms in opposite directions, and stomping their feet onto the ground. These movements straighten out the trunk of their bodies and force them to engage their core. Once these exercises are complete, the children will be in a good handwriting position. This is an example of how developing gross motor skills helps lay the foundation for good fine motor skills.

The Duckling children will also continue to practice often with scissors and tearing paper.



Thinking of Others

We will continue to teach the children of the importance of giving back to our local and global communities. The children will work on their chore ornaments and will get to hang them on our Giving Nest Giving Tree. For more information on this, please see the December Director's Newsletter.

