

DECEMBER ISSUE



Greetings to all SPA Families;

What a quick December! It was a pleasure to see so many families at our Santa Breakfast! It was a wonderful time, and a great performance by all the students. I want to again thank everyone who made the event possible: Iron Worker Local 7, Amhreins Restaurant, Olga's Kafe, and Blasi's Kitchen & Bar.

The bustling holiday season is upon us. I want to thank all the families that donated Christmas Gifts to State Representative David Biele and Toys for Tots. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The cold weather has only been here a few days, but it will be here in force by January! Please be sure that your children come to school prepared to go outside for their recess. Students WILL be going outside as often as possible, so please have coats, hats, mittens, ski pants and boots ready!!

On behalf of the St. Peter Academy family, I wish all of our families a safe and peaceful holiday season. Cherish the time with family and friends as you create new and precious memories.

Sincerely,

Andrius Dilba
Chief Educational Officer



Here at SPA, we are so lucky to have such incredible families and community members that contribute to the success of our classrooms. Amazon Wishlists can be found by clicking the below links. Thank you for your help in keeping our classrooms fun and engaging!



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ART/STEM & MUSIC Dr. Joseph

December was an amazing month this year! If you didn't get to come and see our performance at Breakfast with Santa, please reach out to me and I will send you the videos! Our students did so well, and I am so proud of their progress. Our Early Education Division students have been working hard learning to sing not only their Christmas songs, but other chants like "Bee Bee Bumblebee" and "Macaroni Pony," too. I hope that you are getting to hear some of them in private concerts at home!

In our Elementary Academy Division, we not only got to see "Annie" but also "The Nutcracker" this month in addition to two of our performances! Even though it has been so busy, we still got the chance to reflect on how our performances are similar to and different from the wonderful stage performances we've gotten to enjoy. And I am proud to say that our older students talk about how it has gotten much easier for them to get up and perform not only in front of family but also in front of strangers. In Art, we are deep into restoring some of the panels that have lined our playground. Our students are very thoughtfully learning and practicing various painting techniques as we go and I'm excited to see where this service project takes us!



AFTERSCHOOL Ms. Brittney

December has been a month full of holiday cheer and crafts! We kicked off the month by getting our community room ready for Christmas, decorating the tree and hanging festive decorations while enjoying festive music! The children enjoyed making their own popsicle stick Christmas tree ornaments to take home. We also had a special guest, our friend Elfie from the North Pole, who brought lots of fun and laughter as the kids looked forward to seeing what funny things he did each day. Crafting was a highlight too! The kids made Rudolph using their handprints and had a great time decorating gingerbread houses, as well as creating their own stockings and ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree in the community room. Happy holidays and best wishes for a fantastic New Year! Enjoy your winter break, and I can't wait to see everyone in the new year!



TODDLER GREEN

Mrs. Christina, Ms. Breanna, Ms. Paola,
Ms. Elriva, & Ms. Equaria

December has been a wonderful month in Toddler Green as we begin to notice changes both inside and outside the classroom. From walking to school and observing the changing weather to learning about those changes indoors, it has been great to watch the children make connections to the world around them.

This month, we have been busy learning about our second unit titled The World of Colors. The children have enjoyed exploring colors through hands-on activities, art projects, and play invitations. They are not only learning to identify colors, but also discovering how colors can be connected to emotions. The children have been able to recognize feelings such as happiness, sadness, anger, and calm through color exploration. They have also learned about solid colors and the process of mixing colors to create secondary colors.

With the holidays approaching, the classroom has been filled with excitement and cheer. The children have been busy creating festive holiday crafts for both the classroom and home. A special project this month included making ornaments for the tree on Broadway. The children took great pride in their work, and it was wonderful to see their creativity shared in the community.

We were also so excited for Breakfast with Santa. The children did an amazing job at the show and performed with confidence. It was so nice to see all of you there celebrating with us. The morning was full of laughs, big smiles, and of course, lots of breakfast.

We would also like to send a big thank you to the Higgins family for their thoughtful donations. Your generosity and support mean so much to us and help make our classroom an even more special place to learn and grow.

We wish you and your families a very happy holiday season and a joyful New Year. Thank you for your continued support and for sharing your wonderful children with us.



TODDLER BLUE

Ms. Rhi, & Ms. Mirleiny

Hi Toddler Blue Families!

December has been full of excitement and holiday fun in Toddler Blue. The children have been busy learning, playing, and celebrating together, and we are so proud of all they have done this month.

We have started Owl Unit 2: The World of Colors, and the children have been enjoying exploring colors through our unit books and hands-on activities. They've loved engaging in sensory play, art projects, and play invitations that help them notice and experiment with colors in their everyday world.

One of the highlights of the month was Breakfast with Santa. The children did such a wonderful job singing their song, and it was so special to see so many of you there. Thank you for celebrating with us—it truly made the day extra meaningful for the children.

With the colder weather, we have been spending more time indoors and enjoying indoor recess filled with movement and play. We have also been very busy creating holiday crafts, giving the children lots of opportunities to be creative while practicing important skills like fine motor development and following directions.

We would also like to send a big thank you to Margot's family for generously adding to our classroom by purchasing items from our wishlist. Your support means so much to us.

As we wrap up the year, we wish you and your families a very happy holiday season and a joyful New Year. Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us—we are so grateful for each of them.

Warmly,

Ms. Rhi & Ms. Mirleiny



TRANSITION

Ms. Francine & Ms. Cindy

Can you believe December has come and almost gone with the Cool Kids? Welcome 2026 in a few short days! The students have been learning their letter sounds and sight words for alphabet letters F, G, and H through dobbling, gluing, and matching games. Our students are identifying the letters in their own names using magnets and tracing with pencils and large bold markers, as well as completing dry erase worksheets.

The Cool Kids have slid into Owl Unit 2, The World of Color. We have been mixing primary colors using paint and food coloring, making Play Doh with Dr. Joe, and mixing colors with water to create new shades. The students enjoy seeing red and blue make purple, red and yellow make orange, and blue and yellow make green right in front of their eyes and with their own hands.

We enjoyed reading Monster Colors and creating Max's Dragon Shirt, both of Bryce's favorite books. Part of our morning circle has been searching our classroom for the colors and shapes of the week using magnifying glasses and collection tubes. We love rhyming words and getting silly!

Nico, Parker, and Logan are enjoying sorting pom poms, while Ryan, Rosie, Celia, and Pip love sorting their bears by color and grouping them in sets of five to ten. Arthur and Rory are learning to sort in smaller groups of five.

Reading time has been so much fun, especially while introducing our new unit books. Grant, Reese, and Sam enjoyed writing their letters to Santa. Rosie, Leo, and Sawyer have been having a wonderful time using glue and glitter on their projects.

We had a busy and super fast month here in Transitions, from practices for the Christmas Show and Breakfast with Santa to our School Snowman Shoppe, where the children were able to buy gifts for family and friends while supporting the SPA Summer Camp Program with Miss Brittney. We also enjoyed getting outside when the weather was not too cold for playground time or a fast and fun neighborhood walk or scavenger hunt. Indoor recess has been fun, loud, exciting, and festive. We have learned so many different songs and dance moves. Christmas crafts galore! Our tag days have been great too!

Thank you to our parents for supporting our classroom with lovely class additions and special treats. I appreciate you all. Please consider clicking the link on the first page to view our classroom Cool Kids 2025-2026 Toddler Transition wishlist on Amazon. Thank you all for helping continue to keep our classroom super fun for learning!

From our classroom to your home, we wish you a Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season, and a Happy New Year. Please remember to be kind. Smiles are free.

Nana Fran and Miss Cindi xo Peace, Love, and Blessings



PREK

Ms. Carmen

Pre-k is enjoying Owl Unit 2 The World of Color. The children are learning to identify primary colors, sorting objects by colors, and experimenting with mixing paint colors. We read multiple stories about colors: Mouse Paint, The Color Monster, and Cats Favorite Color. In Math, the children are learning about creating patterns. The purpose of this lesson is to help them use a model to construct an AB pattern. In Spanish, we finished our unit on colors and have begun our unit in five senses. Pre-k would like to thank everyone who came to our annual Breakfast with Santa and Holiday concert. It was an amazing show! Happy Holidays!



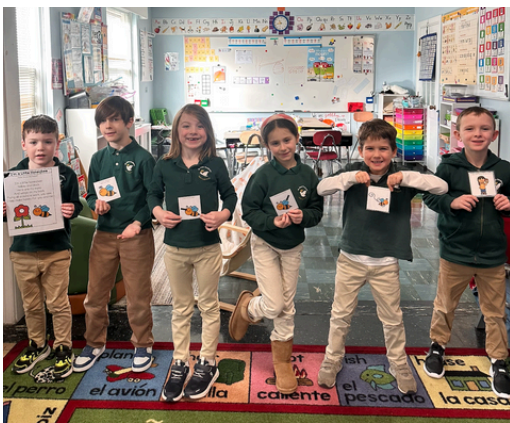
KI Mrs. Stewart

KI enjoyed starting off the holiday season with our families at our annual Breakfast with Santa. The children did an amazing job writing and performing their song. In Eureka Math, we have been learning to identify, describe, sort, and compare 2 dimensional shapes such as circles, triangles, rectangles, and squares. In CKLA, we are continuing to work on identifying the letters in our first names, grasping a pencil properly, and parts of a book (i.e. title, author, illustrator, front cover, back cover spine etc.). In Social Studies, our Scholastic Magazine taught us about hibernation. Hibernation means animals sleep all winter. Some animals that sleep all Winter are Hedgehogs, Dormice, Bats, Tortoises, Black Bear's and Toads. KI learned that we do not hibernate as we sleep during the night and wake up in the morning. We enjoyed our field trips to Wheelock Family Theatre to see the play Annie. Our favorite songs were It's A Hard Knock Life For Us and Tomorrow. We also had a great time on our field trip to the Strand Theater to see the Nutcracker. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



K2/I Mrs. Heseck

Greetings and welcome to K2/I! December has flashed by as we have excited visions of family trips and a man in a big red sleigh coming to visit. We began the month with our Christmas concert singing our very own song that we crafted from beginning to end. We shopped at the annual Snowman Shoppe for gifts to share with family and friends, while also kindly donating toys for our toy drive for those less fortunate than we are. We experienced two live performances to begin our love for the theater with Annie and The Nutcracker. Sprinkled in with these events we took our coloring skills to the next level coloring in mystery pictures that had math equations, short words or beginning sounds. Our sportsmanship game has been upped as our indoor recess has turned to games of cooperation along with board/card games. In our science era, Mrs. Heseck shared her love for bees with us. Singing our new, "I'm a little bee" song, drawing pictures of bee hives and honeycomb along with learning features of a nonfiction book really has given us some strong foundational knowledge about bees. In culmination, Mrs. Heseck purchased a beehive in our class's honor. We found out that a donor had multiplied this by 5 so that there are 6 students and 6 beehives making the world a better place.



GRADE 2/3

Ms. Dixon

Grade 2/3 students kicked off the month of December by researching different holidays around the world in countries like Australia, Mexico, Germany, Africa, India, Sweden, and many more! Additionally, we were able to attend two field trips in December: Annie at the Wheelock Theater, and The Nutcracker at The Strand Theater - Both were amazing performances! Speaking of performances, students in Grade 2/3 did a wonderful job performing their original Christmas song "Merry Christmas" both at the St. Peter Academy Holiday Show, as well as an exclusive performance for the Seniors' of South Boston Christmas Party at St. Peter's Church. In Math, we worked on hundreds chart mystery pictures with hidden images of different holiday themes. We also worked on some hot chocolate math word problems where we wrote math problems in expanded form. We wish everyone Happy Holidays and we can't wait to see what the new year has in store for Grades 2/3!



GRADE 4/5

Ms. Welch

Grade 4/5 had a busy and exciting start to December! We got out of the classroom to visit the Boston Public Library, hung ornaments on the Southie Christmas tree on Broadway, enjoyed watching Annie at the Wheelock Theatre, and watched The Nutcracker at The Strand Theater. The students also performed an original song called Christoween with Dr. Jo for the Holiday Show. Inside the classroom, we have been preparing for Winter with holiday-themed activities. We read and wrote about the Winter Solstice, how snowflakes are formed, and about the inventor of earmuffs, Chester Greenwood. For Math, we focused on rounding multi-digit numbers to the thousands, ten thousands, and hundred thousands place using a vertical number line. For Science, we started our unit of the Human Body, Vision, and the Brain. According to the students, their favorite part of December was performing Christoween!

