



## THE PLAYHOUSE PRESCHOOL

### DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

#### The Teachers Corner....

The winter season is here although the first day of winter is still a few days away. The return of cold & snowy weather sometimes makes outside playtime shorter but we typically go outside on most days. Outside playtime is important as it enables the children time to run & climb, exercising their developing bodies & also releasing their boundless energy appropriately. The buildup to the holiday season is felt and heard when one walks through the door. We adults have our lists to write, shopping to do & presents to wrap as do the children at the writing table and in the toy store now set up in one corner of the preschool. We will close at the end of the day on Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Thursday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We wish each of you a joyful holiday season treasuring this special time in your young children's lives. We teachers will also be enjoying the school break spending time with our families & friends. Happy Holidays to each one of you as you celebrate the joys of the season!

#### New Snack Policy in January

The Playhouse will no longer be providing snacks as of January 2. Please send an individual snack (nut free) for your child to be served at the morning snack each day your child is at school. If your child is here after 2PM please send in an additional snack for him/her for the afternoon snack. (In the event you forget to pack a snack we will have extra snack on hand to serve your child.)



#### Extra Clothing & Outside Apparel

Also, please send in snow boots, snow pants, hats, mittens & winter jackets daily. Please LABEL, ESPECIALLY snow pants & boots to help lessen chance of going home with someone else's. (FYI waterproof mittens keep your children's hands driest & warmest.) After outside playtime the children's wet hats & mittens are spread out to dry near the heater by the main door of the building. Please check that area when you return to pick up your child at the end of their school day. Your child is also welcome to wear slippers inside school (labeled please).



### **Parents/Other Family Member Sharing Hour**

We teachers would like to get to know all our families better. In January we will have signup sheets posted in each classroom with various days/times available for a family member to come in & spend 30 minutes to an hour (maximum) in the classroom, if you can and/or choose to. (This is optional and although some of you would like to we understand that because of work commitments, etc. it will not be possible.) During the time you spend in the classroom if you'd like to read a story for a portion of that time that would be welcome or, you may prefer to relax & play with your child & their friends, or bring a simple craft activity for the children to do, or teach a song, or share a cultural activity based on your family's heritage, or show & tell something of interest to young children. We welcome your ideas & hope many of you will be able to take part in this so that we get to know you better.

Finally, if you have any concerns or questions, at any time, please speak to any one of your child's teachers or if you prefer, call 508-497-9104 or email. We teachers truly enjoy our jobs and value open communication with you.

**Our wish is that 2014 will bring many blessings to each one of our families – Happy New Year!**