



December Newsletter 2023

December is here and this time of year brings so much joy through the eyes of children. The hope, wonder, and anticipation of Christmas has already begun. Here at Mount Cross Child Development Center the classes are preparing songs to share with you during the Christmas Program & Open House at 6pm on Thursday, December 14.

In the classrooms, the story of Christmas and baby Jesus is being taught.

We are so thankful for such a great turnout with the Nothing Bundt Cake fundraiser. Thank you to all who participated.

Friday, December 22 will be our last day of school before the holiday and **all dismissals will be at 11:30am**. School will be closed from Monday, December 25 and will reopen Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

From our families to yours, Merry Christmas!

Educational Gift Guide

Do your children beg for toys related to movies? Are most of their toys electronic? Here are the best educational gifts for preschoolers.

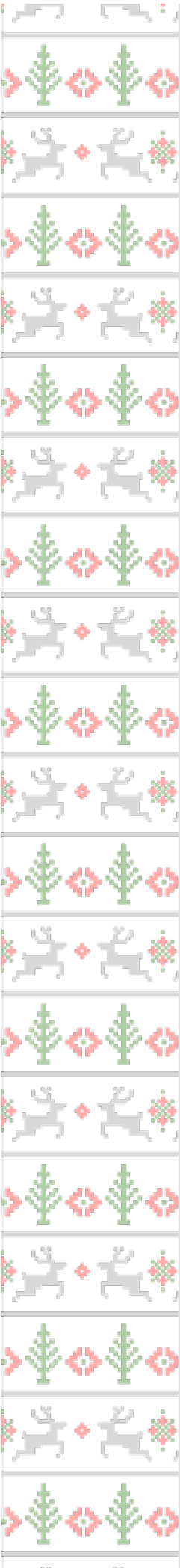
Books-

Did you know that books make a great gift for preschoolers? When you buy books as gifts, you're teaching your child to value books and reading over electronics.

Play Dough-

Play dough, cookie cutter, and dough tools like rolling pins are the perfect gift for children who have difficulty holding a pencil or cutting with scissors.

Alphabet games, Blocks, Play-doh, Legos or Duplos, Dress-up clothes, Age-appropriate books, Pretend play toys like fruits, vegetables, dishes, and dolls, Art supplies like crayons, markers, paints, blank paper



Cinnamon Dough Ornaments

Materials- 2 cups of cinnamon, 2 cups of applesauce, 1

tablespoon glue (optional)

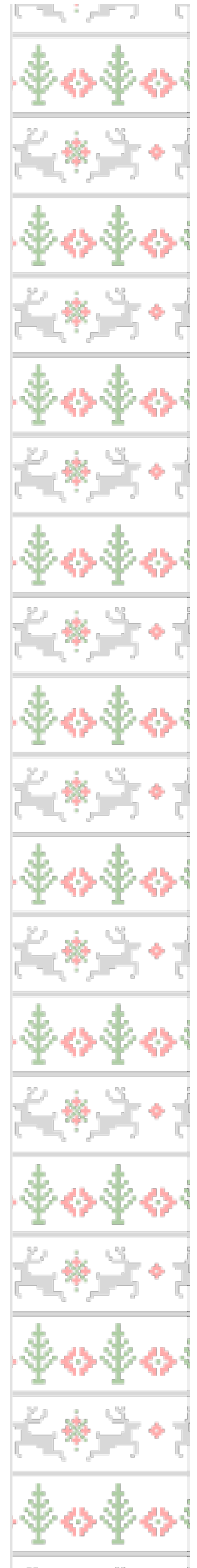
1. combine applesauce and cinnamon. If the dough is too wet, add more cinnamon.

2. Sprinkle the countertop with cinnamon, and then roll dough out to 1/4 inch thick.

Cut with cookie cutters, and place ornaments on an ungreased baking sheet. Use a toothpick to make a hole at the top of each shape for hanging purposes.

3. Let ornaments dry on baking sheets for several days, or until completely dry. Alternatively, bake in a 200 ° F oven for 2.5 hours.

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Teacher Spotlight

Laura Ripley is the teacher in the 3-year-old class. She has been a preschool teacher and a paraprofessional in special education. She holds a bachelor's in child development from Cal Poly and teaching credential from Cal State University, Channel Islands.

Andrea Walker has been working at Mt. Cross for 10 yrs. She loves working with children to help them prepare and feel comfortable in their first years of school. She attended Ventura College to study child development. She enjoys arts and crafts with her students.

Important dates-

December 1- tuition due
December 10- tuition late fee
December 7&8- Lockdown "quiet" drill
Chapel Days- Parents are welcome @11:10am- December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20
December 14- 6 pm- Christmas Program and Open House
December 22- No Lunch bunch or extended care- All dismissals are at 11:30am
December 23- Monday, January 8- Christmas Break, no school

School resumes Tuesday, January 9

