

Parents, we hope that everyone has had the opportunity to register and browse around the Teaching Strategies GOLD website. If you have not been invited please check with your child's teacher or Mr. Angelo to ensure that we have the correct email address on file. Be sure to complete the Survey about our school that is located on the website. This survey is very important as the feedback provides insight as to what we can do to improve our school. If you have any questions please feel free to speak with Mr. Angelo in the office.

### Past/Current Events

The month of December was very busy with many holiday projects, parties and new adventures. As we pass the holiday period many classes will go back to their usual daily schedules and curriculum.

### Important News

**To All Parents, As the weather is changing here in our great city, it is imperative that all parents check their child's cubby to ensure that they have an adequate change of clothing in case they need to be changed for any reason.**

**Parents can check for school closings due to severe weather as well. This information can be found on the last page of the Parent Handbook.**

### Chipmunks Class

Winter is in full swing and the Chipmunks love it! During the month of December we discussed winter and Holidays that are celebrated during that month. The children had a blast discussing how excited they were about Christmas and the fact that Santa was coming. We also got a chance to take a Holiday picture. They were SO cute!

The Chipmunks have some exciting news to tell about in January. We will have a new teacher named Ms. Hicks and she is excited to get to know us, just as much as we are excited to get to know her. We will explore winter some more and share our stories of our Holidays!

### Sharks Classroom

Happy New Year Everyone! Welcome to freezing temperatures! We have just said goodbye to fall & welcome to winter. This month we will discuss winter animal, hibernation and Martin Luther King Jr. we will review some old shapes we have learned before such as rectangle and circle. This months math will be counting from 10-0 backwards and getting used to the year 2011. The letters of the month will be M, H and W. we will continue exercising outside (weather permitting) and inside. Children are enjoying the "giving the clue" game; we can see more meaningful participations and enthusiasm.

P.S. Parents please send your child with proper clothes for the weather and an extra set for their cubby.

### Bumblebees Classroom

Hello again from the Bumblebee room! Thanksgiving has come and now it is gone but the holiday spirit is still in the air. The weather is becoming colder and colder by the day; therefore dress your toddlers warm. Please put names on all mittens, hats and coats. This month, we will get ready for Christmas and we have so many exciting activities including Giving & Sharing, Holiday Games, Children Around the World, Holiday Foods and Traditions. This month we will focus on letters H I and J. Both Vanessa and I are working on a play with the children are being optimistic that they will remember their lines. The children will also sing some Christmas carols in front of the parents. We will decorate our classroom with paper chains and silver bells to keep the Christmas spirit going. This is the most wonderful time of the year!!

### Butterfly Classroom

Happy New Year from the Butterflies!!

We are off to a fresh start and ready for new challenges and discoveries. Last month, the Butterflies talked about what the new year meant-we talked a lot about working on social skills and how that can help us at school and at home. We also discussed what new things we would like to learn and discover in the new year. In the month of January we will be learning and discussing themes like New Beginnings, Number Concepts and Friendships. We will also be continuing our daily practice with letters and phonics. We look forward to beginning the New Year with unique, fun and exciting events!