

*"To let the child do as he likes when he has not yet developed any powers of control is to betray the idea of freedom"*  
- Maria Montessori

## December Newsletter

### Monthly Themes

Our theme in December will be Christmas around the World! Our Casa students will be learning about holiday traditions in different continents as well as discussing our own family traditions with each other. Our students will be making beautiful keepsake Ornaments. Our Infant and Toddler students will be kept very busy with lots of festive Christmas activities as well.

### Pancakes with Santa, Christmas Jammies

This year Santa will be coming to enjoy a pancake breakfast with us on Friday December 21st! Santa will be here from 9am-11:30am. Parents, Grandparents, are welcome to join for the fun! The children will be having their morning circle, pancakes, and visiting with Santa! We encourage all children to wear their Christmas Jammies to school on this day!

### Thank you for your help!

We want to express our gratitude to all of our parents and students who took the time to donate to our local Mission. We are very proud of our school this year, altogether we will make some local families have a wonderful Christmas! The gift of giving could possibly be the best thing we teach our children this Christmas Season. We will be dropping off all of the donations with Mrs. Bailey's Kindergarten class on Monday December 3rd.

### Month of Gratitude

This month our Casa 3's will be experiencing the gift of giving on several local field trips! On December 7th, we will be going to Season's from 11:45am-12:45pm. We will be bringing homemade cards, and keepsake ornaments to our local senior citizens! On December 14th, our Casa 3 students will be going to Canadian tire Amherstburg at 9:30am to purchase gifts, and then delivering them to the Amherstburg Fire Station to support Sparky's Toy Drive.

### Christmas Holiday Hours

This year, Bright Child will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1st. We will be open regular hours on December 27, 28, and January 2nd-4th. If your child will not be here their regular schedule over the holidays, please email John, [john@brightchild.ca](mailto:john@brightchild.ca) as soon as possible as this makes it easier for us to grant teacher's time off requests over the holidays!

### Health Policy

This is often the time of year sickness starts to hit! Please be mindful of your child's overall health, and well being, and if they seem to be under the weather, please make arrangements to keep them home to help keep our school healthy! If illness occurs while your child is at school, you will be contacted for your child's immediate pick up. A child must be free of fever and other symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. It is up to the teacher's discretion whether your child is symptom free and able to return. Please ensure you have a reliable back up or emergency person readily available for these times when your child is unable to attend. If your child will not be in attendance, please phone the school, email [john@brightchild.ca](mailto:john@brightchild.ca), or send a message through HiMama.

### Merry Christmas to all our Bright Child Families

Christmas is a special time of year full of family, friendship, and celebrations! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

