



The Gingerbread House Weekly Curriculum

Date: 12/10-12/14

Theme: Santa and his Helpers

Classroom: Three Year Old Preschool

Objective: Children will explore the cultural holiday of Christmas through fine motor, gross motor, sensory, language and math activities as well as discuss how different cultures celebrate this special day.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Language & Literature | Read: <u>The Littlest Elf</u> Discuss: Who are Santa's helpers? | Read: <u>Five Busy Elves</u> Discuss: What does an Elf look like? | Read: <u>The 12 Elves</u> Discuss: How do the Elves help Santa? | Read: <u>Santa's Helper</u> Discuss: How do the reindeer help Santa? | Read: <u>The Elves First Christmas</u> Discuss: What are the reindeer's names? |
| Art & Fine Motor | Elf paper hat | Reindeer face paper plate | Santa paper craft | Reindeer stick puppets | Handprint reindeer |
| Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics | How many reindeer's tall are you? | Roll the dice: Fill Santa's beard with cotton balls | Match the number on the clothes pin to the number on the Elf hat | Pom poms on the Christmas tree counting | Sorting elf hats |
| Sensory | Ribbons and bows sensory bin | Let's make snow | Ribbons and bows sensory bin | Play snow | Ribbons and bows sensory bin |
| Religion & Social Studies | Bible story: <i>Jesus Teaches on a Mountain</i> | Bible story: <i>The Lords Prayer</i> | Bible story: <i>A Captains Faith</i> | Bible story: <i>A Hole in the Roof</i> | Bible story: <i>Jesus Calms the Storm</i> |
| Gross Motor | Santa's helpers hopscotch | Elf hat relay race | Balloon tennis | Elves and reindeer tag | Santa's helpers hopscotch |