

Pineapple Press...

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Important December

Dates:

- Friday Dec. 2nd– Pineapple Pro Sports begins today!
- Wednesday Dec. 7th– VPK 4, 5, & 6 visits Life Care Center for caroling
- Friday Dec. 9th– VPK 1, 2, & 3 visit Bethlehem Walk in Satellite Beach leaving PCA @ 9:45am
- Saturday Dec. 10th– Free Shopping Day for PCA Parents 10:00–2:00
- Wednesday Dec. 14th– PCA's Winter Wonderland @ 5:30pm PCA Closes @ 4:30pm
- Friday Dec. 16th– Polar, Popcorn, & PJ'S Day!
- Saturday Dec. 17th– Come see PCA in the Palm Bay Christmas Parade
- Wednesday Dec. 21st– NO VPK Winter Break Starts
- Wednesday Dec. 21st– PAT Meeting & Coffee Klatch
- Friday Dec. 23rd– PCA closing early @ 4:30pm
- Monday Dec. 26th– PCA Closed !

In the Classroom

Our units finished "Helping Hands" and started "Sunshine and Snowflakes". The curriculum also included "All about Thanksgiving". The friendship hand wreaths some of the classes made are beautiful. Getting to see the Palm Bay Police Department and Palm Bay Fire Department up close and personal really brought them to life for the students. PCA welcomed a furry visitor. RC The Recycling Cat and Brevard Waste Mgmt. visited PCA and taught the children a valuable lesson on the benefits of recycling.

Our Annual Trike-A-Thon raised a substantial amount of money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Everyone always loves our Yankee Candle Fundraiser! What a great Christmas gift. Proceeds helped in replenishing classroom supplies, equipment and supported teachers with trainings and in-service. PCA's Annual food drive brought in so much food. The children were able to share and learn about the needs of others. Your generosity will help many families in need over this holiday season.

Our classroom feasts were fantastic! What an assortment of food that was shared. It was all so yummy! The children were happy and excited to enjoy a meal and their crafts with parents and family. We are all thankful for our families and friends.

Everyone is so excited about the upcoming holidays. All are working very hard on their performance for PCA's Annual Winter Wonderland Event. December will be full of fun field trips, tasty treats and craft making. It will all be a blast!

Coming Up in January

After the exciting holiday break, it's back to the books and curriculum. Our units in January will be "It makes Sense!" and "Animal Fun". The children will hearing stories like The Princess and the Pea and The First Flute. Keep an eye out for some wacky and fun sensory projects that will going on in the classrooms.

The love of learning is forever present here at the Little School House and Pineapple Cove Academy. If you ever have any questions about your child's progress please do not hesitate to talk with your child's teacher. We are here to work together with you to provide your child with the very best opportunity for a successful VPK school year.

Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children they are all 30 feet tall.



~Larry Wilde



The Life Care Center

VPK 4, 5, & 6

Wednesday Dec. 7th @ 9:30am

Bethlehem Walk Field Trip

VPK 1, 2, & 3

Friday Dec. 9th @ 9:45am



The objective of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.

~Robert Maynard Hutchins

December Vocabulary List

Please familiarize your child with these words. We will be introducing them in our daily lessons for the month of December.

elves	could	tow truck	glistens	sow	earth	shorter
shoemaker	million	cinch	whirl	winter	whispered	burrow
leather	figured out	naughty	splash	spring	bright	delicious
enough	clue	rugs	whistling	summer	gathering	autumn
inspected	preschool	weaver	twirl	fall	beautiful	bookmarks
mail carrier	deep	crafted	pond	guest	weather	blow
package	gluey	understand	seeds	slow	comfortable	tumble

VPK Sight Word List

Below is a list of sight words or commonly used words your child will need to know by the end of the year. Memorizing these words will help your child to read at a faster pace. Our sight words for this month are:

a, the, and, in, on, is, see, & at

Please review the monthly sight words with your child on a daily basis. The complete list is below. You may want to make flashcards to use at home for review.

<i>a</i>	<i>had</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>was</i>
<i>go</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>up</i>	<i>down</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>can</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>you</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>she</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>see</i>	<i>with</i>

Great Links for Parents

- <http://fldoe.org/earlylearning/>
- <http://www.prekinders.com>
- <http://www.scholastic.com>
- <http://www.first-school.ws.com>
- <http://www.reading.org>
- <http://www.alpha-tracers-dn1/a4.htm>
- <http://www.naeyc.org>
- <http://www.pbskids.org>
- <http://www.funbrain.com>
- <http://www.starfall.com>

Homework Calendar

Be on the lookout for a homework calendar in your child's daily folder. You may print one from our website www.pineapplecoveacademy.com. It is very important that you complete homework activities with your child as it reinforces skills learned in the classroom. Teaching good homework habits early on will help your child be prepared for Kindergarten.