



The Music Settlement
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CENTER FOR early childhood

TMS BLAST December



TMS has partnered with Cleveland Sews to create warm blankets for newly settled refugees in our area. The Fleece Blanket Drop Off Event will be at Cleveland Sews on Tuesday, December 20th from 10AM - 12PM.

Thank you, families of TMS!
It is you who create the EC family and make this a truly remarkable school. Parents contribute to our successes, support our programs, and volunteer.

S.E.L. social emotional learning

Once again we find ourselves in the holiday season, juggling competing get-togethers and year-end deadlines. Many of us feel rushed, overwhelmed and exhausted as we ride the hamster wheel into the end of the year. Consider adding the "Gift of Slowing Down" to our wish lists this holiday season. The simple act of slowing down and being in the moment is a gift we can give to our children and to ourselves. In this season of lights and magic, consider focusing on appreciating the wonder of the season the way we did when we were children. For harried adults, the simple gift of slowing down and seeing the world through the eyes of a child is priceless. Here's an article to help us find those precious moments:



Literacy

Help! We have too many books. If you find yourself saying you have too many books you can put the seasonal books away with the decorations. Special memories will be built when reading these particular books. When you open the box each year, it is like a little surprise for the children. Seeing their faces when they say, "I remember this book!" is such a treasure.

Let's look at letter C. Some of our friends have met Spicy Cat C. She is a letter puppet I use. The letter C has two sounds a hard C like in the cat. It also has a soft sound like an "S" like a snake makes, ssss (as in spicy). Have your student practice those words.

C Pocom
(kidzone.ws)

Carrie cat and Cathy cow,
Were walking one nice day.
Cathy raced and Carrie chased,
The pretty clouds away.

December Book Recommendation:
Snowman at Night by Carlyn Beuhner

This is a must read for anyone that has built a snowman. Written in rhyme the story explains why the snowmen look different the day after you build them. What exactly happens when we sleep? What do snowmen do at night?



Upcoming Events



12/19 - 1/2

NO CLASSES!

ENJOY YOUR

HOLIDAY BREAK!

JANUARY 18

KINDERGARTEN INFO NIGHT

Parenting 101

The Holiday Season is a busy one. Some things to consider during this season:

- Keep a consistent bedtime schedule. Preschoolers need 10-13 hours of sleep each day.
- When thinking about presents, you are making a habit for years to come. Gifts look differently to preschoolers. A simple gift (a box made into a castle/car) is magic!
- Start your own family traditions such as going to a museum or taking the train downtown. Forced Family Fun (3F) become special memories as your children grow.