

Dear Parents,

Our program is Friday at 8:00 in the ACCHS auditorium. Please have your child there by 7:45. Please be sure that your child has used the restroom before joining the rest of us at the table. Also please keep their coat with you during the program. After the program the children will meet you at our table in the commons area.

Reading – This week the children listened to the story **Pretend You're A Cat.** They got to pretend they were all kinds of different animals. We talked about what we could and could not do like these animals. Our poems *Ollie & Spinning Top* are helping us with our “short u sound.” We’ve also talked about real and make believe this week. Our little story this week is called *On the Dot*. The new words for this story are: **on, you, dot, not, Tom, and Don.** **Please have your child read this story several times over the weekend and bring it back to school on Monday to read to me.**

Animated Literacy – Most of the children are really coming along nicely in blending their sounds to make words. This week the children met Lou Lou Moose. She is helping them learn the “long oo sound.” The children learned that this sound could be made from the following letter combinations: **oo, ou, u-e, ew, and ui.** They have learned how to draw a tent, ant, slice of bread, nut, can, hen and pen. This week their writing pages have helped them with the words moth, jet, net, nut, and ant.

Math – The children have been working on writing and counting their numbers for our next grade cards.

Centers – We have been singing a song called *Little Elf*. This song teaches us about our five senses. We are doing one page from this book each day at our five centers. We started this week and will finish it next Monday due to that fact that we went and practiced our program on Wednesday.

Page 1 says – Little Elf, Little Elf, What do you **see?** Shimmering lights on the Christmas tree. So at “Good Luck Bear Center” the children decorated a Christmas tree with small sequins. They also made a Christmas picture.

Page 2 says – Little Elf, Little Elf, What do you **hear?** Sleigh bells ringing on Santa’s reindeer. Now at Bedtime Bear Center the children made a reindeer. I traced their foot for the head and their hands for the antlers. They attached a bell so that they could use their sense of hearing. They also made a reindeer head to hang on their bedroom doors.

Page 3 says – Little Elf, Little Elf, What do you **feel?** Santa’s soft beard, it feels so real. To experience their sense of feeling they used fiber fill on their Santa’s beard at Birthday Bear Center. They also made another Santa by tracing their hand and then colored their hand to look like Santa’s face. They can hang their Santa on their Christmas tree.

Page 4 says – Little Elf, Little Elf, What do you **smell**? Something’s in the oven, but I won’t tell. Here at Cheer Bear Center they used four of their senses with this activity. They made a gingerbread man (seeing) using sandpaper (feeling) and put cinnamon on him (smelling). Then they enjoyed eating a gingerbread man cookie (tasting). They also colored a gingerbread house for their little elf to live in.

Page 5 says – Little Elf, Little Elf, What do you **eat**? Candy canes, so crunchy and sweet. Now at Tender Heart Bear Center they made a Christmas stocking and put a real candy cane in their stockings. They also colored the cover to their *Little Elf* book.

I’ve noticed that some of you aren’t writing down the books that are in our “reading bags” & “activity bags” on their book list. These books **do count** for our reading lists. Also you may keep the “reading bags” home for more than just a day. These are books that we have read in class several times. The children are excited to bring them home and read them to their families.

The new “Tiger Power Hour” program takes ½ hour out of our day each day. We don’t really have time for rest time. It’s hard to get everything in now that needs to be done each day. Therefore, I am sending home your child’s mat. They still rest for a little while as I read a story to them after lunch.

Reminders:

- 1. If your child is going to participate in the gift exchange they may bring their gift at any time.**
- 2. Christmas Vacation – Friday, December 21st – Return to school on Monday, January 7th**

Mrs. Hall