



CCA HIGHLIGHTS

Susie's Corner...

Now that December is a distant memory I still want to share with you all of the awesome happenings at CCA. First, I want to thank CCA's amazing Management Team for helping when I was recuperating from knee surgery. Even though the newsletter is a month behind I think you all will enjoy reading about the December activities. There was a Holiday Door Contest, Staff Appreciation Luncheon thanks to the PTO, Spirit week with many planned holiday activities, the Elf Junior Musical Field Trip, and the Giving Tree. As I reflect on all of the wonderful things happening at CCA I am mindful of the wonderful staff, families, and students. It is hard to believe that when I started there were approximately 18 students including appointment-based students. We now have approximately 40 students with many new programs and are looking to expand further. I am looking forward to another year with growth in our Functional Living Program, new playground and increasing our early childhood program. There is still a lot to accomplish so I am counting on the wonderful families, staff, and students to help move us along.

Air Dry Clay Ornament Recipe

Ingredients:

1/2 Cup Corn Starch
1 Cup of Baking Soda
3/4 Cup of Water

Directions:

Heat ingredients over Medium-High heat while stirring constantly. Once the dough forms a ball, remove from the heat. Allow the dough to cool in a bowl with a damp cloth covering the bowl. Once it is cool to the touch, knead the dough and press flat. Use cookie cutters to punch out shapes. Allow to dry over night and paint the next day!



Elf Jr. Musical Field Trip



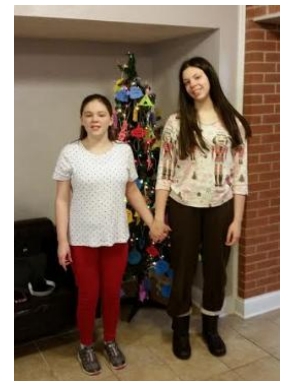
The Cardinal Room wrote what they enjoyed about the Elf Junior Musical Field Trip December 11, 2016. The Owls, Cardinal, Super Hero, Buckeye, and Ocean rooms went together. Two students described their experience from their own words:

Austin Mitchell: "My experience was great. It was funny. It was also good to see. Lots of character and main ideas."

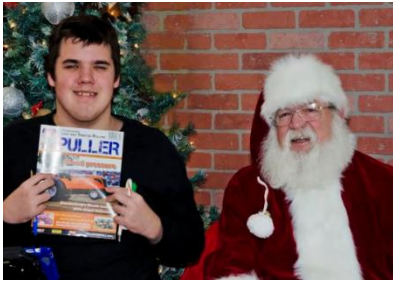
Nik Ludwig: "My experience was OK but it lacked some more spice some more drama. It was kind of like a cake without frosting. The lighting effects were like baking a cupcake without flour. It just didn't rise up enough to satisfy the hunger of the audience. The jokes in it however were just right. Not too sweet, not too sour. The end was splendid, the way you saw Santa Claus fly quite literally in a diagonal angle."

Giving Tree

We would like to extend a thank you to Josie and Cara Harlan for making ornaments and decorating our giving tree. It brightened up the lobby area every day. Staff was moved by the generosity to support the classroom needs. We were able to replenish art supplies, sensory equipment, and cooking supplies. Thank you to all parents and grandparents for all of the generous contributions we received over the holiday season. It is the families' support with the students and staff that have made CCA such a special place.



Holiday Palooza Spirit Week



Holiday Spirit Week warmed CCA up during our first cold and snowy week of the school year. Our students participated in spirit wear days, like Nate wearing his Nightmare Before Christmas

pajamas, Nicholas in his Christmas socks, and Cara in her Merry Christmas t-shirt. Students also got to do holiday activities like cookie decorating, ornament making, and attending Elf Jr., the musical. Spirit Week even brought special visitors to our school. Ms. Beth, a former Leapster teacher, visited to read the *Polar Express*. On Friday, all the way from the North Pole, Mr. and Mrs. Claus came to end our spirit week with pictures and presents. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Brown for arranging the special visitors to spend their day with our students. This week was a fun treat to learn about different cultures and celebrations, celebrate our friendships with each other, and get ready for our winter break.



Holiday Door Contest



The students in the LEAPS program decorated their classroom door as they wished for the holiday season. The Owl Room decorated their door with a Christmas tree and working lights and ornaments with their names on it. Mario and Zelda came to join the CCA crew by hanging out with the chain link video game Christmas tree on the Cardinal room door. The Leapster Room transformed

their door into a gingerbread house with pictures of elves decorating the house. We also had Buddy the Elf hang out on the Ocean room door. The students from the STEPS program acted as our panel of judges and chose our winner, the Ocean room, as their favorite door.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon



On behalf of all the staff at CCA, we would like to thank all of the families who sent items in for the luncheon hosted by the PTO. Staff described dishes as yummy, delectable, heavenly,

and da bomb. We would also like to thank the PTO for putting the luncheon together. It was a great time had by our staff who were able to sit, have a meal with the team, and eat their weight in delicious food.

Important Upcoming Dates

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates.



- Feb. 10th - Family Fun Night 6:30-8:30p
- Feb. 17th - No School, Staff In-service Day
- Feb. 20th - No School
- Mar. 17th - Optional Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar. 27th - Apr. 2nd - Spring Break- CCA Closed
- Apr. 3rd - School Resumes

Summer Camp Update



Currently, we are finalizing the summer camp information. It should be completed by the end of January.

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