Happy December! December 16, 2014

Wow! Christmas is almost here! We hope that you are finding time to enjoy the season amidst the whirlwind of activity!

We have so much happening in the frog classroom! Our cake decorating has jumped into full gear. Last week, the froggies began decorating our classroom fake cake AND had a chance to decorate real cupcakes with a parent (thank you to Aurellia's mommy)! Please plan to check out our project pictures and fake cake **this Thursday after the Christmas program**. The children are eager to talk about the pictures and cake with you.

For Writer's Workshop, we are studying a new author, Karma Wilson. The children enjoy her bear books, and these are great choices to look for at the library.

Here are some other things we have added to our classroom to enhance and encourage learning and investigation:

- a Christmas tree and Christmas discovery table
- ornaments to create at the art table
- beads and pipe cleaners for ornaments and bracelets (and fine motor and math skills)
- trains and tracks (which provide opportunities to work on social skills)

Please note that the holiday break is a perfect time to teach your children how to put on coats and zip up backpacks all by themselves. It takes patience, but this gives them a big boost in independence and self-confidence. We look forward to seeing you at the program and wish you a wonderful, peaceful and joyful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Lisa and Kathy