



## Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

December 2017

### Dates to Remember

**December 11<sup>th</sup>-Scholastic Due**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup>-Deputies Tim & Sandra eating lunch with the 2's.**

**December 25- January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ranger's Pre-K Holiday break (no attendance these days)**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> - January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Winter break for all Public Schools (RGS goes back January 9<sup>th</sup>.)**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> NSEC Closed**  
**December 26<sup>th</sup> NSEC Closed**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> NSEC Closed**  
**January 2<sup>nd</sup> NSEC Closed**

### Christmas Cards

We are asking that family's take a little bit of time out of their busy schedules to make a Christmas card for the elderly with their children. The Rangers Pre-K class will personally drop them off at an area nursing home the week before Christmas. They will be spreading some Christmas cheer by singing some carols and handing out our handmade cards to the residents.

**Below are a few things to keep in mind when choosing gifts for the holidays. Technology is in our future so using them in the right manner and with moderation is the key.**

Studies suggest that children spend up to 60 hours per week indoors. This mirrors the growing trend of being disconnected from the natural world. As technological devices become more prevalent and children are becoming increasingly overscheduled, we've reduced the amount of time they're spending outdoors. Nature is important! Nature has been proven to be beneficial for children in almost all parts of their life. Not only does it help prevent obesity, reduce stress and build self-esteem, it can also help increase focus inside the classroom. Moreover, cognitive functions, social skills, leadership and collaboration can all be improved by spending time outside. But the list doesn't stop there. These are just some of the main benefits that children can gain by being connected with the natural world around them. Keep this in mind when choosing gifts for children this holiday season.



## Inclement Winter Weather

In case of inclement weather during the winter, be assured that staff at Nature's Scholars make every effort possible to get the center open on time. At the discretion of the Director/Administrator, the center may have to be closed due to dangerous conditions. If this were to occur before 6:00am the voicemail message will be changed to indicate a closing along with a posting on our Facebook page. If any of the following conditions occur during the school day, a phone call will be made indicating that we will need to close. Those conditions could be, but are not limited to... ice, snowfall, loss of power for an extended amount of time, loss of water or insufficient quality and more.

We do not automatically close if area schools close. We understand that some parents **MUST** be at their place of work at times. We are here for those parental emergencies and do not promote taking your child out if not necessary during dangerous weather conditions.



## Christmas Spirit week!

Monday December 18th –Christmas Sock and Accessory Day

Tuesday December 19th–Ugly Sweater Day

Wednesday December 20th–Crazy Christmas Hair Day

Thursday December 21st—Christmas Shirt Day/ Red and Green

Friday December 22nd–Pajama Day/Polar Express Day



Hope you had a great Thanksgiving!  
 Here is our Thankful Turkey! The feathers  
 are so full of everything our little friends  
 are so thankful for. He was one full turkey  
 and we are grateful for everyone's participation.



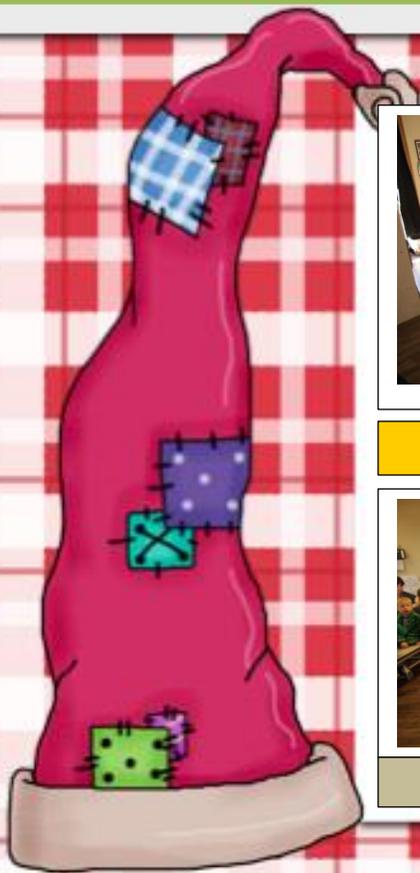
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