



Unit Letter
“Our Five Senses”
November , 2011

Dear Families,

Our **newest unit** is titled, “Our Five Senses”. world. We will be acknowledging our sense of sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell as we advance our understanding of how God made us. We will be practicing our investigative skills as we fell/touch,, smell and see things in different ways than usual.

Our **Dramatic Play** area has been converted into a Pizza Shop. Move over Papa John 's, Domino 's and Pizza Hut. We are on a roll. We happily watch the children interact in this area and find their vocabulary advancing and their friendships developing. Your children continue to bring joy and wonder to our world. They are delightfully made and extremely expressive. Thank you again for sharing them with us.

Our **Snack Time** is another interactive time and we often ask the children about some of their favorite things: food, toy, pet, friend, color. Children will readily express that they don't like some part or all of our snack for the day. We will not make your child eat the snack but we do invite them to place it on their plate/ napkin and give it a try because “your tongue could change its mind”. During these weeks when we are studying our sense of taste, doing our own “taste test”. You may want to try some new tastes at home as well. Suggestion: Pomegranates.

As winter will soon be upon us and we will be spending more of our day inside, our **Small Group Time** will give us another avenue to advance the children's thinking and doing activity levels. We will be playing games and reading books that help us hear and see how our language and numbers systems work. We will be doing lots of name recognition, picture reading, problem solving.

During **Jesus Time** we will consider the truth, “God Hears Our Prayers’. In this Advent season, I too reflect on this message and I am so glad that God does/wants to hear our prayers and out of Love sent a Savior.

Your child will have opportunity to investigate these areas in our **Free Choice Centers** during this unit:

SCIENCE CENTER: Magnets

SENSORY TABLE: Instant Snow

SENSORY TUB: Water with Tubes

DRAMATIC PLAY: Pizza Shop

RELIGION: “God Hears Our Prayers”

ART: Pizza with Paper Plate and Cut-Outs

EASEL: Rubbing Plates with Chunky Crayons .

LETTERS OF THE WEEK: I, i

SHAPES OF THE WEEK: Diamond/Rhombus

COLOR OF THE WEEK: Brown



SONGS and FINGERPLAYS

COLORS

This is a song about colors, colors,
You see them all around.
There is red on a stop sign, green on a tree,
blue in the sky and sea.
This is a song about colors, colors,
You see them all around,
It's about the happiest song in town.
All you have to do is stand up and sit down.
Red stand up, Blue stand up,
Green and Yellow stand up.
Red sit down, Blue sit down,
Yellow and Green sit down.

This is a song about colors, colors,....

FIVE LITTLE SNOWMEN

Five little snowmen fat, each with a funny hat.
Out came the sun and melted one.
What a sad thing was that.

Four little snowmen fat,
Each with a funny hat.
Out came the sun and melted one,
What a sad thing was that.

Three little snowmen...
Two...
One...
(We'll just have to wait for another snowstorm!)

FIVE LITTLE HOT DOGS

Five little hot dogs sizzlin' in a pan,
One got hot
And it went bam!...

Four little hot dogs sizzlin' in a pan,
One got hot,
And it went bam!...

Three...
Two...
One...

No little hot dogs sizzling' in a pan,
The pan got hot,
And it went bam!

Dates to Remember

December 5: WE HAVE SCHOOL. Anoka Hennepin DOES NOT.

December 6: Parent Association Christmas Party! Really Fun! (6:30-8:00PM)

December 8: Chapel

December 20: Class 2's Christmas Program (9:20AM)

Extended family are welcome