

December 20, 2011



With many sweets, treats, and festive décor, we are ending our first semester of the school year. Voices raised in cheery song filled our halls as Holiday Parties were held in all preschool classrooms. Our Lower Elementary students took their sweet, sweet songs to the residents of Heritage Assisted Living, an annual tradition. The folks there always welcome our students with cookies, punch and loving hugs. Upper Elementary hosted the Halls Madrigal Singers for a concert with vocals of professional-quality. In addition to more celebrating than seemed possible, we made time for learning in the most interesting ways. Upper students had a visit from "Dr. Pete", the head geologist with the City of Knoxville. More opportunity to learn about rocks of all types came when Holly and Kelly Patrick's Granddaddy Ernie visited Lower and Upper and showed us (and shared) his amazing rock collection.



Palle Rosencrantz and his mom, Maria, brought us the Swedish tradition of celebrating St. Lucia Day, complete with the beautiful costumes and the tasty bread. Abby and Jack Pearse and their mom, Peg, treated the Upper and Middle classes to Gingerbread House parties, which were a sticky, yummy delight. Preschool 2 students made chocolate oatmeal cookies and shared them with Middle School along with the carols they have learned.

Upcoming Events:

<u>Wednesday, December 21:</u>	Winter Holidays begin - no school
<u>Wednesday, December 21:</u>	American Girl Holiday Camp
<u>Tuesday, January 3:</u>	Hand's On Science Camp
<u>Wednesday, January 4:</u>	First day back to school after Winter Holidays
<u>Monday, January 9:</u>	Middle School library visit
<u>Tuesday, January 10:</u>	Explore Test for Eighth Grade
<u>Monday, January 16:</u>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. No school.
<u>Thursday, January 19:</u>	Open House for prospective families
<u>Friday, January 27:</u>	Parent-Teacher Conference Day. No school.
<u>Tuesday, January 31:</u>	Positive Discipline meeting



Ms. Lisa Haskell will hold two camps here over the break. The American Girls Holiday Camp will be Wednesday, December 21 and the Science Camp will be Tuesday, January 3. In January, we will begin a monthly series of meetings to discuss Positive Discipline the method we use here at Garden to teach and encourage children. More information will be sent out next month. We will return to school on Wednesday, January 4.

From all of us at Garden, have a safe and joyful holiday season.

