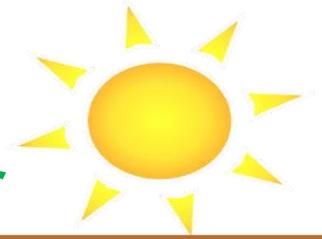




A loving environment for every child  
**Watch Me Grow**  
Child Development Center



## December Newsletter

Please write a review for us on Yelp or Google  
Check out our Facebook page and see daily parenting posts

Refer a friend and receive a \$75.00 tuition credit  
Call today for more details

With the help of Watch Me Grow's staff and parents, we had a successful food drive in the month of November!

We collected over 650 non-perishable food items!

# Thank You!

Kids say the funniest things.....

"As it gets closer to Christmas all parents remind their children that 'Santa is watching' when they don't listen. When I took my daughter to visit Santa when she was four years old, after hopping off Santa's lap and starting to walk away, she turned back to him and yelled, 'Oh and Santa, you don't have to watch me anymore....I'm always good.' Santa and Mrs. Claus and all the parents waiting in line with their kids cracked up laughing."

### Reminder

Watch Me Grow will be Closed

- ❖ December 23, 2016- (Observed) Christmas Eve
- ❖ December 26, 2016- (Observed) Christmas Day
- ❖ January 2, 2016- (Observed) New Year's Day



## Santa Is Coming To Watch Me Grow!

**December 15, 2016  
starting at 9:30am**



Each classroom will get a turn in room 10 (schedule to follow) to visit with Santa.



During the visit, children will enjoy milk and cookies.



The center will take pictures of the children with Santa and will email them home to parents.



All parents are invited to attend this extra special event.

## *This Months Curriculum Theme*

The December monthly curriculum theme is Holidays Around the World. The children will experience winter holiday traditions celebrated in different countries. Children will learn that winter holidays are not celebrated the same everywhere.

In the United States, most children celebrate Christmas. In class children will decorate a Christmas tree, make holiday wreaths, and reindeer.

In Mexico, children have a Christmas celebration called La Posadas. Santa Claus is not a symbol of the holiday but the bright red suit is represented by the traditional flower of the season; the poinsettia.

In Israel children celebrate Hanukkah. Children will make and play a game with their self-made dreidels. They will make a menorah and learn the meaning of the 8 candles and the reason for the 9th candle.

In Africa, children celebrate Kwanzaa. Children will make woven placemats, which will reflect the traditional Kwanzaa colors; red, black and green and learn the meaning that each color represents.

Please review the monthly center activity calendar. We have a number of special events and activities this month.



### Supplies

- Waffle Cone
- White Frosting
- Green Food Coloring
- Small Candy
- Pull n' Peel Licorice
- Yellow Gum Drops

### Preparation

- Die the frosting your favorite shade of green
- Pull apart the Licorice to create "ropes"
- Give each child a plate with all of their needed ingredients

### Instructions

1. Frost your tree.
2. Wrap your licorice around your tree to look like a strand of lights or tinsel.
3. Decorate your tree by sticking small candies to the frosting.
4. Top your cone with a yellow Dot or Gum Drop & enjoy!

## Holiday Parties and Recitals

**December 16, 2016**

**Starting at 3:00pm**



All classes are having their holiday parties in their rooms.

- ❖ Please check in your child's class or with the teachers, to help bring in any needed items.



Preschool & Pre-K classes will have a special holiday recital for all their family and friends.

- ❖ Room 3, Room 5, & Room 6



All parents and families are invited to attend this exciting event

YOUR CHILDREN  
NEED YOUR  
PRESENCE  
MORE THAN YOUR  
PRESENTS.

-Jesse Jackson