



The Marsh Messenger

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December in "Kid Crane" Counselor Time

In December, we are learning that one of the keys to happiness is to be "generous" rather than "greedy." We will focus on how good it feels to share, to help, and even to surprise people by doing hidden good deeds we call "secret sunshine." Here's a taste of the song we're learning:

Everybody needs sunshine
in their day
We get tired and sad
along the way
And if you want your
happiness to grow
Spread some secret
sunshine

And your own heart will
glow.
So pick up toys, fold the
laundry,
Dust the living room
Tiptoe into the kitchen
and pick up a broom.

Sweep the floor, feed the
kitty,
Wash a dish or two,
They might think that it
was elves,
But really it was you!

Secret sunshine means
doing something kind,
But not telling—just
letting your heart shine.
It may sound funny but I
know it's true,
When you make other
people happy
It comes back to YOU....

'Cause sunshine feels like
magic but it comes from
what we DO!

Season's Greetings to all our Families!

Dear Families,

December is such a magical month for innocent children, and we feel privileged to share their excitement and joy. That excitement can mean it's a little harder to settle down for learning, so it's important during these busy days to help children keep to routines as much as possible: **regular bedtimes, healthy eating and lots of exercise can prevent many a meltdown.**

Our school day begins promptly at 7:45 with Marsh School in Motion: a program proven to improve children's attention for learning. The exercise also elevates everyone's mood and starts our day off on a happy note.

Children who arrive on time feel more connected to their classmates and this helps their sense of security and improves their behavior and enjoyment of the day.

Do your children need

coats, hats and gloves? Has your family hit a financial rough patch? **Please know that various community groups are in touch with our school and our counselor Mrs. Haslar would be glad to connect you with people who can help.**

Don't be afraid to reach out! We're in this together, and we're glad your child is part of "The Sunshine School."

Stacey Plane,
Marsh Principal/

December Programs: Time to Shine!

We at Marsh are excited to share our winter programs with you! Both the preschool and kindergarten programs will be in the Marsh gym/cafeteria. **Preschool will perform on Tuesday, December 18th and kindergarten will perform on Wednesday, December 19th.** Your child's teacher will send home papers with specific times. The children are so eager to share what they have been learning and practicing throughout their school year in their counseling time, music time, and Marsh in Motion as well as sharing some Christmas classics with you. We will also share some fun activities you can do with your children over Winter Break. Because **Marsh kids know that smarts get smarter every time you play!**

I'll be everybody's friend...will you be friends with me?

