

# The Ivy Ledger

Holiday 2015

## Notes from Marcy

As 2015 is coming to a close, it's been a pleasure getting to know all of you and your adorable children! I look forward to seeing their smiling faces each day and I'm so proud of everything that they have accomplished. It's wonderful watching them learn and participate in many different activities and projects weekly. In just three months, they have adjusted to school, made many new friends, and are mastering new skills every day.

Thank you for all of your support! We really appreciate everything you do for your children and our school. I am looking forward to an exciting and rewarding 2016 for all. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from everyone at Ivy league Pre-School!



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## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, Dec. 23** – Winter Recess – School Closed at end of day

**Monday, Jan. 4** – School Reopens

**Monday, Jan. 18** – Martin Luther King – School Closed

**Monday, Feb. 15** – Presidents' Day – School Closed

**Wednesday, Feb. 17** – School Pictures

**Thursday, Feb. 18** – School Pictures

[Registration for September 2016 begins Wednesday, January 6th.](#)  
[Please come to the school office to register.](#)

## Mommy & Me Mrs. Lisa

I have had so much fun getting to know your sweet children this session! **Roman, Angelina, Hannah, Olivia, Andy, Dominic, Jake B., Jake R., Austin, Hayes, Jaxon, Mateo, Matt, Nicholas, Benjamin, Nathan, Mackenzie, and Jack,** I really enjoyed seeing your big smiles during my circle time with bubbles and puppets. We have made so many cute crafts and read so many fun books together!. I am so happy we shared this time together and I've enjoyed watching you grow! Thank you for spending each week with me!

## Kindergarten Mrs. Berger and Mrs. Reiter

What a sweet group of kindergarteners we have this year! They are learning so much every day! The children enjoy listening to our stories and playing word games with our puppets. They read our word wall daily, and they also read our little phonics books. The children learned about nouns and verbs, and they know the difference between an author and an illustrator. Since the children are writing daily, there is a lot of improvement in their penmanship! In Math, the children started out counting and writing numbers, and now they can add and subtract. We have learned about apples, the fall season, fire safety and Christopher Columbus. The children had fun learning the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Our kindergarten class concluded this exciting unit with a very special feast! Our girls dressed up as the Pilgrims and our boys dressed up as the Native Americans. We look forward to more learning and more fun as the year goes on! At this time, we would like to wish everyone a very "Happy Holiday" and a "Happy New Year!!"



## Ivy League Pre-School and Camp Open House

**Saturday, January 16th**

**Sunday, January 24th**

**10:00 AM—1:00 PM**

If you have any friends interested in Ivy League please spread the word!

#### 4's Mrs. Wallerstein and Mrs. Gianquinto

The Thanksgiving Feast was so much fun,  
We laughed and learned and ate a ton.  
It feels like the warm weather is here to stay,  
We can't believe the New Year is only a few days away.  
We are learning letters, numbers, and sight words too,  
Next we'll be adding numbers it's something brand new.  
The holidays have arrived, it's time to cheer,  
Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.  
See you next year!

#### 4's Mrs. Turtz and Mrs. Nortwich

Our school year began with the colorful days of fall,  
With apples and hayrides and pumpkins for all.  
Our "Paw-feet Pre-Class" learned so much each day:  
Letters, sight words, and numbers, and then off to play!  
Our Halloween Parade and trick-or-treating could not be beat,  
Each and every costume was a vision and a treat!  
Our Thanksgiving Feast and Celebration was so much fun,  
Classroom hunting and fishing, then, oh boy, eating a ton!  
The magical holidays continue, with so much to do,  
Christmas and Hanukkah gift-giving from -- guess who?  
We'll have a wonderful "show" for parents and family, too,  
We look forward to singing and sharing this special time with  
you.  
We wish everyone a wonderful holiday, filled with good health  
and good cheer,  
We also wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

#### 3's Mrs. Marcello and Mrs. Delaney

Our days may be short, but we get a lot done,  
We're playing and sharing, and learning a ton.  
We can pick any color and tell you its name,  
Especially when playing the jumping beans game.  
Halloween was a treat, with costumes to show,  
How cute we all looked even as a scarecrow.  
Our projects and crafts, we work hard to complete,  
Like the clothes and the frames for our Thanksgiving Feast.  
We're now moving on to the ABC's,  
Soon we will read them and write them with ease.  
Alas, we'll be busy, for the holidays are here,  
Wishing you happiness and a joyous New Year!

#### 3's Mrs. Schmid and Mrs. Hopkins

The past few months have been exciting and busy for the children in Mrs. Schmid and Mrs. Hopkins' class! Our class had a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast. The children had fun making their Native American costumes. We have completed our color unit and each child brought home their color book. The children know all the colors and are even able to recognize the color words. The children have been practicing recognizing and writing their names, and we are very busy learning the alphabet. We were busy with the upcoming holidays, making crafts and shopping at our Holiday Fair. The children loved singing songs for Hanukkah and Christmas. The class was extremely proud of the holiday gifts that they made for the parents. We hope you like them and we wish you a wonderful vacation and a Happy New Year.

#### 4's Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Weinstock

The start of our exciting year came and went,  
Here's how our time together so far was spent:  
We began learning our letters H, C, L, N, and T...  
Who could forget sight words the, is, and me!  
Halloween came and our class did their best,  
To scare and to amaze us with how they all dressed!  
Then there was our Thanksgiving preparations,  
Making Native American attire for the celebration.  
December is exciting with Christmas and Hanukkah,  
And making great projects like Christmas trees and a Menorah!  
As you walk by our class you just may,  
Hear the Winter Wonderland Performers practicing for their special  
day!  
A performance that brought all parents great cheer,  
With innocent voices wishing one and all,  
Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!!

#### 3's Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Scotto

We can hardly believe it is our winter break. The children have accomplished so much thus far. They recently completed the unit on colors. They worked with much enthusiasm on their color books. They were so excited to share them with their families. The children worked on their Thanksgiving costumes which came out beautiful. The boys made Pilgrim costumes while the girls made Native American costumes. We hope you enjoyed seeing them wear them as much as they enjoyed making them. We have begun working on the number unit, the shape unit, and have also started the alphabet unit. In the future we will be doing both a season book as well as a zoo animal book. The children really enjoy all aspects of school. Friendships have flourished and sharing has become second nature to them.  
Maria and I want to wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season. See you all in the New Year!

#### 3's Mrs. Gellis and Mrs. Aileen

The past few months have been exciting in Mrs. Gellis and Mrs. Aileen's three year old class. We have loved getting to know everyone and the children have enjoyed getting to know each other, learning routines and are engaged in playing and learning together. Fall has been wonderful and the class has enjoyed pumpkin picking, hayrides, our Halloween parade, nature walks, and our fantastic Thanksgiving Feast! The children loved creating colorful costumes, discussing all the wonderful things they are thankful for, and celebrating with friends and family in the field house. After completing the color unit, the class brought home their very own color books which they have worked on since September. The children have been practicing writing and recognizing their names as well as singing songs, creating crafts and reading books about the holidays. We wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in 2016!



## Festive Food with Mrs. Marcello Edible Pinecone

### Ingredients:

Chocolate Toast Crunch Cereal  
1 thin pretzel stick  
2 TBS Pillsbury Chocolate Fudge Frosting  
Confectioners' sugar for dusting



### Directions:

Place the frosting on center of plate  
Place pretzel stick standing up in center of frosting  
Spread frosting up sides of pretzel  
Take one corner of cereal square and put into frosting  
Continue adding cereal layering towards the top  
Cut squares into triangles when near the top  
Sift confectioners' sugar over pinecone to look like snow

## Movin' and Groovin' with Mrs. Turtz

Our dance class began, and we learned the Cha Cha Slide,  
Then we learned how to Zumba, as we jumped from side to side!

Next was YMCA, and we made a Conga Line, too,  
Ask me what I've learned; I'll bust a move for you!

We still have lots to come, like Electric Slide, and more,  
We'll wiggle, twist, and clap - Movin' and Groovin' galore!  
So here's wishing all of you, a wonderful holiday season,  
And dance to your heart's content, because you don't need a  
reason!

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



## Spanish with Mrs. Aileen



Welcome to Spanish Class! We have been having a great time getting to know each other! We've started the year off with learning the colors of the rainbow, such as rojo (red), azul (blue), verde (green), and amarillo (yellow) to name a few as well as discovering who our classroom "Amigos" are. We love singing our "Hello Class" song when we first enter class and learning how to sing the "Days of the Week" in Spanish has been fun as well! Recently, we've talked about different geometric shapes and the seasons. I have been introducing our young "language pioneers" to Spanish gradually through song, dance, and play. These are a few ways that I will seek to bring an exciting new language to our young learners over the course of this year.

Adiós for now!

## Science Corner with Mrs. Hopkins Snow Flake Crystals

**Supplies Needed:** White Pipe Cleaner, Cup, String, Stick, Boiling Water, Borax

Cut pipe cleaners into three sections of equal size  
Twist pipe cleaners together to make six sided star shape  
Attach a piece of string to the end of one of the pipe cleaners  
Attach the other side of the string to a stick  
Fill cup with 1 cup of boiling water  
Add 3 tablespoons of borax to the water, stir until dissolved  
Insert pipe cleaner snowflake into the cup so stick is resting on top of cup

Leave snowflake to soak overnight.  
The next day, your snowflake will be covered with shiny crystals.  
Hang your creations.



## 2's Mrs. Turtz and Mrs. Berlingieri

Our school day began and to our loved-one we waved,  
We walked into class, being very brave.  
As time went by and we had so much fun,  
No longer walking - now in with a run!

From seasons and colors to our Halloween party and more,  
Wearing adorable costumes we've never seen before!

Celebrating Thanksgiving with turkey at our feast,  
And such festive Native American outfits, to say the least!

Now on to the magic of the Winter Holiday season,  
Sharing special times with you, we don't need a reason!  
Christmas and Hanukkah will be shared with much singing and cheer,  
Wishing you all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

## 2's Mrs. Silverstein and Mrs. Birenkrant

We have been having a wonderful year! The children have adjusted so nicely to school, have made many new friends, and are learning how to share. We have learned about the weather, days of the week, recognizing their names, and we are also beginning to learn the alphabet. We can't forget about all the wonderful projects we've made.

We are extremely proud of your children. They are doing a great job. Wishing all of our families a happy and healthy holiday season!



## Music Miss Sherri

It has been a great month of learning new songs, as well as traditional holiday ditties with the children and teachers at Ivy League. Songs include the Dreidle song, Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Happy Llama, Long Legged Llama, The Fly has Married the Bumble Bee, Bo Bo Ski Waten Taten (a silly rhythmic ditty) and many others. The children are highly focused, listening, and are being challenged in both the right and left hemispheres of their brains. Children who are normally very quiet are singing out in full voices and improving their communication, social, self esteem, and motor skills. We play a variety of non-pitched rhythm instruments together, dance with scarves, prance and have a super fun time. Much thanks to all of the wonderful participatory teachers who support and encourage the students to be not only esteemed academics but also creative and expressive budding musicians.

Miss Sherri is the Director of Honey Child Music, a certified P-3rd grade teacher and music Specialist for over 17 years. She is available for Birthday Parties, Private Piano Lessons and works one on one with children with special needs.



# IVY LEAGUE PRE-SCHOOL PTA HAPPENINGS

Our Holiday Shoppe was a HUGE success! All of our students had a great time shopping for themselves and family members. A BIG thank you to all of our parents and teachers who assisted and volunteered their time - - we could not have done it without you! We will be using the money we raised to make generous donations to local charities and those in need. In addition, a portion of the proceeds will also be set aside for a special treat for our Ivy League students.

We have **MANY** exciting events currently being planned.

Please continue to check your e-mail for more information.

Please join us and help make them all a success!



## Ivy League Day Camp

**Continue Your Child's Ivy League Experience All Year Round!!**



3, 4 and 5 Day Programs

Hot/Cold Lunch Served Daily

Mini Day and Full Day Programs

Programs for ages 2 - 15

13 Acre Campus with 5 Heated Pools, Athletic Fields, Mini Golf Course, Gymnastics Pavilion, Air-Conditioned Facilities, Go Carts, Archery, Rock Wall, Bumper Boats and much more!

### OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 16th

Sunday, January 24th

10:00 - 1:00 PM

*Come tour our Camp*

*facility and meet our Camp Directors.*

Register at Open House and Save up to \$200 off current tuition

2015/2016 Ivy League Pre-School students and siblings receive

**15% tuition discount**

(7% for half year students).

American Red Cross Swim Instruction  
EVERY DAY

Door-to-Door and Central Pick Up  
Bus Transportation Available

Age Appropriate Athletic & Creative Activities



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