Bobbie Noonan's Child Care
Palos Hills

*****Pre-K News*****
for the month of December

- **Theme:** Christmas and Christmas Around the World
- **Introduce:** Oo & Pp/star & pentagon/11 & 12
- **Expressive Vocabulary:** quote: *to repeat someone's exact words*
  relinquish: *to give back; to give up*
- **Bits of Intelligence:** Birds

Language Arts: Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noel! Frohliche Weihnachten! These next few weeks Mrs. Mary will take the boys and girls on an imaginary trip around the world to see how Christmas is celebrated in other countries. We'll be making stops in Mexico, Italy, and Germany to learn about some of their holiday customs and traditions, and even practice saying Merry Christmas in their language! Of course our tour will end with the United States as we learn how this wonderful holiday is celebrated in our own country. We will also be discussing our families and unique traditions.

The Chimney
Here is the chimney (*make fist)*
Here is the top *(cover fist with other hand)*
Open the lid *(remove hand)*
Out Santa will pop! *(pop up thumb)*

Concept: We have many fun Christmas activities planned for the next three weeks. One of our main areas of concentration will be numbers and estimation. The children will be in for a surprise when they see what festive holiday items appear in the counting jar. We will also continue to work on compare and contrast using a sock and a Christmas stocking as well as a winter hat and Santa hat. A listening activity "What did you hear" will be introduced. I will have the children listen to three or four different sounds. Then they will close their eyes as I repeat one of the sounds and guess which one they hear.

Craft & Writing: Over the next few weeks we will be introducing the letters Oo, Pp, shapes star and pentagon, as well as the numbers 11 and 12. We will be making some festive projects and cooking some delicious snacks as we travel around the world. The children will begin to work on a very special holiday project. It will arrive home in time for Christmas!

Important Dates:
December 21……**Happy Birthday Maxwell DeGrado!**
December 22……Christmas Party
There are 10 children in each homeroom.
December 26……**School Closed**
December 27- 30……**No pre school classes**/school open for day care only
January 2…… **School Closed**