



# Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

December 2023

## Important Dates to Remember

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** – Deputy Tim Lunch with Explorers!

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**- Last day for Chase's Toy Drive

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 9:00 – 11:00 Christmas Party with special guest visiting NSEC! Tadpoles, Lil 'Sprouts, Explorers, Frontiers and Ranger's Pre-K

**December 25<sup>th</sup> - January 5<sup>th</sup>** - Winter break for all Public Schools

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**-NSEC Closed

**December 26<sup>th</sup>** -NSEC Closed

**January 1<sup>st</sup>** -NSEC Closed

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>** - NSEC Closed

We are in search of dramatic play dress up clothes for each of the classrooms. If anyone has outgrown, gently used dress up clothes we would be happy to put them to good use.

Items we are looking for...

- Boy's suits coats or vests
- Girls fancy dresses
- Shoes, fancy, fun or unusual (boy and girl)
- Specialty items like aprons, chef hat, child size oven mitts, etc.
- Random costumes
- Other items you feel would be fun in a themed dramatic play area.

## Tis' the Season!

As most of you know, it is the dreaded sickness season. Please remember our sickness policy is put in place for a reason. Children **MUST** be SYMPTOM FREE, unmedicated for 24 hours. To keep other students and our staff healthy PLEASE, we can't say it enough, keep your child home if they:

- Have a fever of 100.4 or more within the last 24 hours.
- If your child has NOT been SYMPTOM free for 24 hours.
- If your child is vomiting
- If your child has diarrhea or other like symptoms
- If your child has a communicable disease i.e., strep, pink eye, mercer, impetigo, etc. (CONTACT CENTER ASAP)
- If your child has Lice. (Must be NIT Free to return)

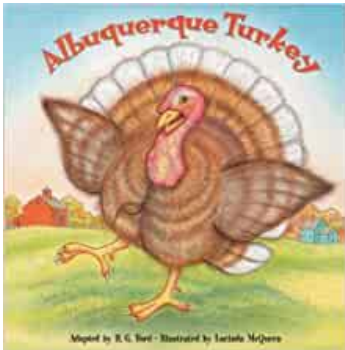
Please call or talk with the front office to communicate what symptoms etc. so we can keep track of what illnesses may be going around.

Thank you for your Cooperation





# Albuquerque Turkey Pictures

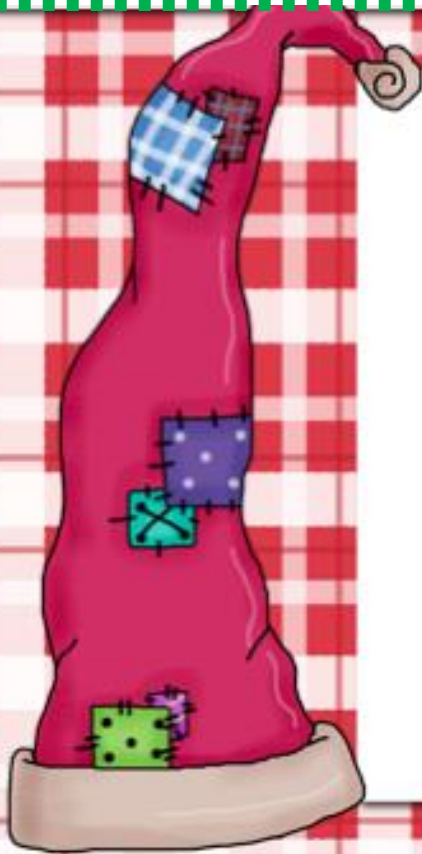


OUTDOOR FUN!



## Inclement Winter Weather

In case of inclement weather during the winter, be assured that staff at Nature's Scholars make every effort possible to get the center open on time. At the discretion of the Director/Administrator, the center may have to be closed due to dangerous conditions. If this were to occur before 6:00am an email will be sent to indicate a closing along with a posting on our Facebook page. If any of the following conditions occur during the school day, once again an email will be sent indicating that we will need to close. Those conditions could be, but are not limited to... ice, snowfall, loss of power for an extended amount of time, loss of water or insufficient quality and more. We understand that some parents **MUST** be at their place of work at times. We are here for those parental emergencies and do not promote taking your child out if not necessary during dangerous weather conditions.



## Christmas Spirit week!

**Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>** –

Merry Monday (Wear Red & Green)

**Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Santa's Workshop Imposters (Dress like you work in Santa's Shop! Santa, elf, reindeer, toy, tree, etc!)

**Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>** – What not to wear! (Wear your **BEST** ugly sweater and Christmas Bling!)

**Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Christmas Character Day (Dress as a character from a Christmas Movie or Cartoon)

**Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Night before Christmas (Wear your favorite jammies!)

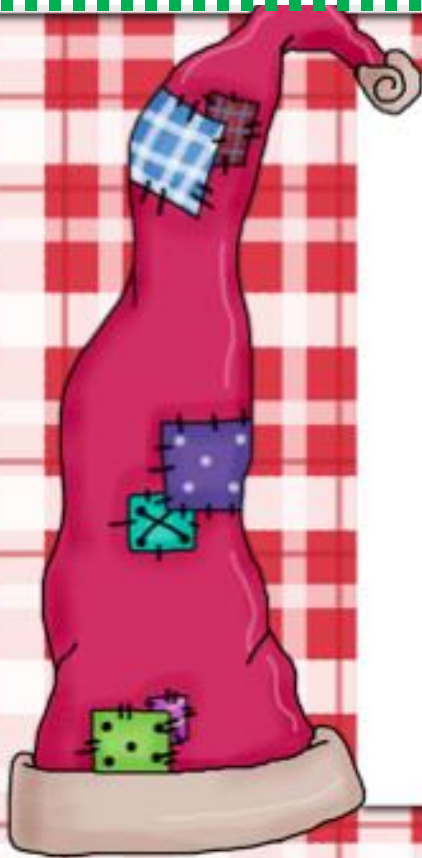


## Food for thought from Ms. Julie

With holiday baking coming up eggs are a common ingredient in most recipes. If you have a family member allergic to eggs, doesn't like to eat them or eggs just get too pricey, here is a list of replacements for eggs!



Peanut Butter	3 TBL PEANUT BUTTER	= 1	
Ground Flax	1 TBL +  3 TBL WATER	= 1	
Chia Seed	1 TBL +  3 TBL WATER	= 1	STR & ALLOW TO REST FOR 15 MINUTES
Soy Protein	1 TBL +  3 TBL WATER	= 1	MIX AND USE IMMEDIATELY
Ripe Bananas	1/2 MASHED BANANA	= 1	
Apple sauce	1/4 CUP UNSWEETENED	= 1	
Agar Agar	1 TBL +  1 TBL WATER	= 1	MIX AND USE IMMEDIATELY



## 2024/2025 Nature's Scholars Holiday Closings



- Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> "Memorial Day"
- Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> "Independence Day"
- Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> "Staff-in-Service"
- Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> "Labor Day"
- Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> "Thanksgiving"
- Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> "Thanksgiving Holiday"
- Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, "Christmas Holiday"
- Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, "Christmas Holiday"
- Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, "New Year's Holiday"
- Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, "New Year's Holiday"

