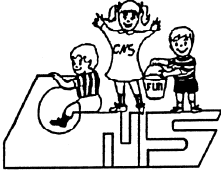
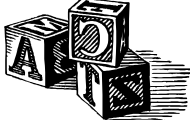
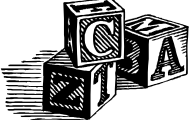

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Dear Parents,

Another year has come and gone. What happened to the time? For the children, the past few months have been full of new and exciting experiences. They have formed friendships, learned many new songs and concepts, have longer attention spans, and are more independent. They are growing in many wonderful ways!

As we look forward to the year 2012, we are planning more fun and stimulating activities for your child. In January we will have school pictures (Fri. Jan. 13) as well as registration for the 2012-2013 school year and our exciting summer session. In February we will enjoy our Valentines Day Party and in March we will have International Month. If you would like to come and share some of your ancestors' culture or traditions with the children, we'd love to have you.

Parent teacher conferences will be held the last week of January. Your child's teacher will send you a date and time for your child's conference. At this time, you will receive a written progress report and be given time to discuss your child's overall progress.

I would like to thank all those of you who helped out or donated items for the Thanksgiving Feast or the Holiday Party. Without your help, the children would miss out on these fun and memorable experiences. A special thank you to Santa for visiting us during our Holiday Parties. Thanks also go out to the Reavens for their toys donation.

Let me remind you that the children do go outside if it is 32 degrees or above. Please send appropriate clothing for your child, hat, gloves, scarf, and a winter coat. If the ground is snow covered please also send boots and snow pants. It is a lot of fun to be able to go out and play in the snow!

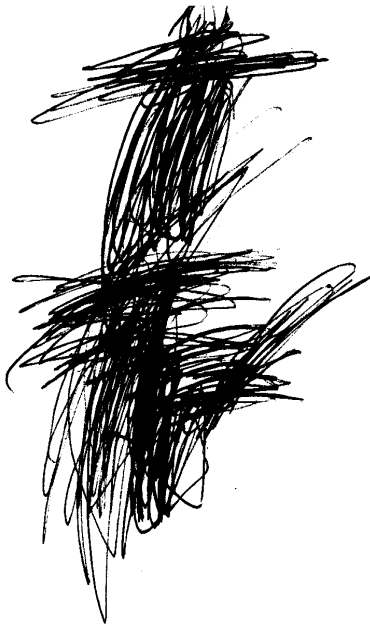
The staff and I wish you a very happy holiday season. We hope that the New Year will be filled with health and happiness for you and your entire family.

Leonor

Kitten News

It's hard to believe the holidays are arriving so soon! It seems like yesterday we were carving pumpkins and making hand print trees and turkeys!

The Kitten class has been very busy in November and December getting ready for the holidays! For Thanksgiving we had fun preparing for our feast. Everyone had a turn peeling a potato for our mashed potatoes and cutting up fruit for our fruit salad.



Christmas Tree Ship
By Jason L.



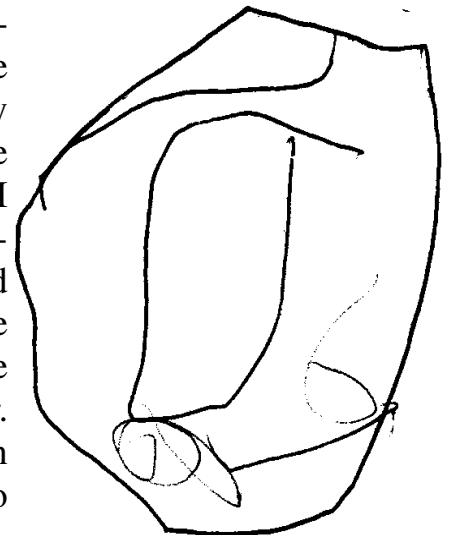
Jayden
By Jayden V.

We also made our own muffins! Everything looked delicious!

We learned about preparing food and working together. Everyone looked

great with their Pilgrim costume on! We also read many stories that taught us how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims in many ways, including planting crops. When asked what they learned about the Pilgrim voyage on the Mayflower...Charlie said – There were kitty cats on the boat; Jayden – the Mayflower sailed to America; Jason - they had Thanksgiving in the United States; Andrew - there was a boy and a girl on the boat; Sonya - there were elephants on the boat!

Thank you everyone for the great family pictures for the bulletin board. I know sometimes it's hard to find a picture with the whole family together. The children were excited to look at the bulletin board to see their pictures! We had fun decorating the classroom with turkey hand prints and multi-colored Indian corn and our Mayflower projects!



A Road
By Andrew M.

December kept us very busy getting ready for our jolly visitor. We've been practicing songs and everyone is trying to be extra good! We made lots of crafts to decorate the classroom! We tied in our color unit with the holidays. We made red Santas and Rudolph with a Red nose! For green we made cookies and added green sprinkles! We also weaved green stockings for our fireplace bulletin board and deco-

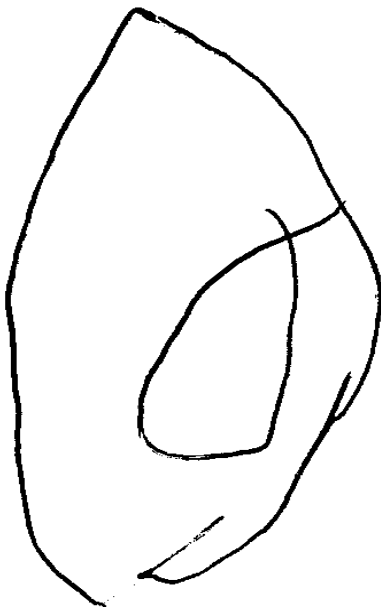
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Charlie
By Charlie R.

had latkes with sour cream! We use many of our skills while working on our crafts. We've been practicing our shapes and letters on the chalk board in the kindergarten room. Everyone is doing great!

When we return to school in January we will learn about Martin Luther King Jr. and focus on winter animals and their behaviors. We will also start our progress reports.



Myself
By Sonya H

I hope everyone enjoys the

holiday vacation.

Have a great, safe New Year! Keep warm!

Miss Michelle



School Closing

Community Nursery School will be closed for winter break from Monday, December 26 to Monday, January 2.

We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

We wish everyone Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year.



Happy Birthday In

November To:

Katy Neutts	Nov. 5	9 yrs. old
Giovanni LoBello	Nov.16	11 yrs. old
Miss Rebecca	Nov. 25	? yrs. young

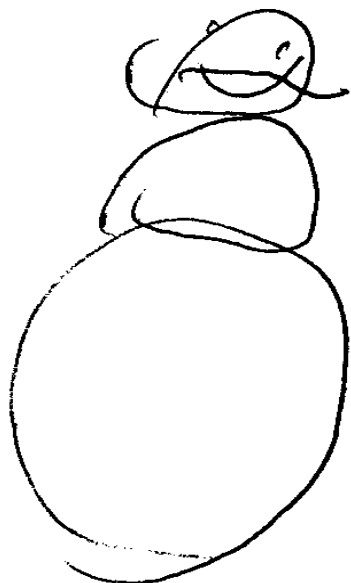
Happy Birthday In

December To:

Isabella Sattethwaite	Dec. 2	7 yrs. old
Caroline Cote	Dec. 18	8 yrs. old
Miss Sue	Dec. 25	? yrs. young



Bunny News



A Snowman

By Nick P.

It is hard to believe that it is already time for the holidays and 2011 is almost over. The Bunny class has been very busy and hard at work learning their alphabet.

For the letter /Ee/ we made elephant ear snacks, a “My Letter E” booklet and talked about what we like to eat.



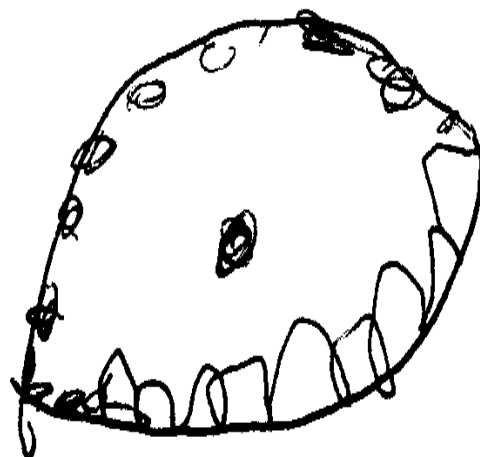
“Daddy”

By Nate B.

For the letter /Ff/ we created a family tree and family portrait. The Bunnies made a collage of their favorite foods, made a colorful fish craft, and water colored a fruit bowl. The Bunnies also made fruit salad for snack.

Next we moved on to letter /Gg/. The Bunny class made gingerbread people and decorated gingerbread houses with gumdrops. The Bunny class also made giraffes and started their holiday gifts. We even had green cookies with the Kitten class.

For letter /Hh/ we played a matching game, made handprint reindeer, winter hats and sponge painted hippos. We also had hot chocolate with marshmallows and created a hot chocolate craft. The Bunnies also practiced their holiday songs.



A Wreath

By Robert C.

We just completed letter /Ii/. The class made igloo art using sugar cubes. The Bunnies also used ice cream cones to make a Christmas tree snack. We ate ice cream and made an ice cream craft. We also sang “The Itsy Bitsy Snowflake” and used glitter to create a snowflake craft.

In November we celebrated Thanksgiving with the Kitten class. For our feast the children made corn bread muffins, fruit salad, mashed potatoes, and home made butter. They also designed their own headdresses and

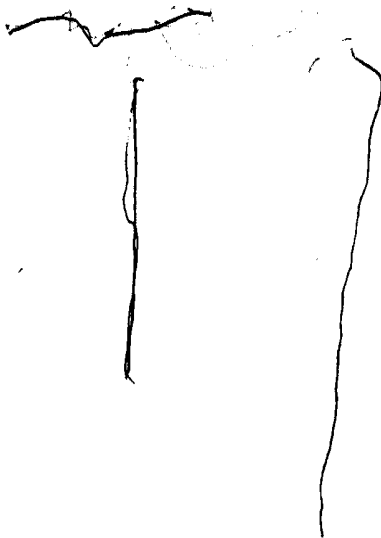


A Snowman
By Phoebe A.

necklaces to dress as Native Americans at the feast. The Bunnies also shared what they were most thankful for. It was a very special celebration.

For our Thanksgiving

ing projects we made a "Where is Turkey?" booklet, hand turkeys and multi-colored turkeys using cardboard tubes. The class also graphed their favorite Thanksgiving food. The most popular food was pie!



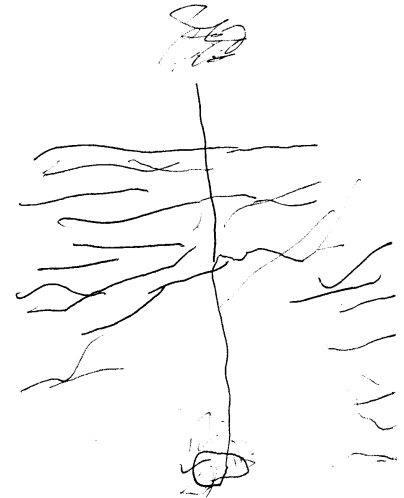
Letter Tt
By Kelani A.

During November we also discussed Veteran's Day and made patriotic turkeys.

We are now learning about the December Holidays. For Hanukah we finger painted menorahs,

played the dreidel game using M&M's as gelt, created a star of David using popsicle sticks, and made latkes. We also made a menorah snack using pretzels and marshmallows. For Christmas we made button candy canes, reindeer hats, jingle bell bracelets, Christmas trees, and a stocking craft.

The children are very excited for our holiday party. They can't wait to meet Santa. They have been practicing their holiday songs and want to sing them for all of you.



My Christmas Tree
By Devyn

I hope everyone has a happy, healthy holiday season. See you in January when we will have our parent teacher conferences.

Best Wishes & Happy Holidays!
Miss Cheryl

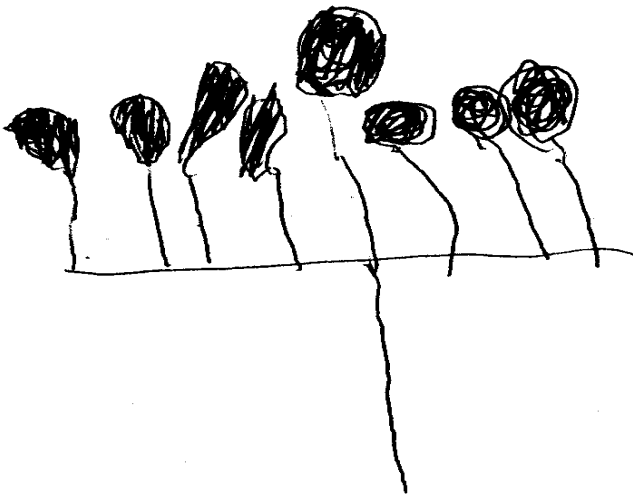
**Happy Holidays
From All Of Us At
Community Nursery
School**



Cub News

As always November and December have been busy months for the kindergarteners. Many of our projects, songs, stories, and activity sheets have dealt with Thanksgiving and the December holidays.

For Thanksgiving each child chose to be a Native American or a Pilgrim for our feast. Our Native Americans were Lau-



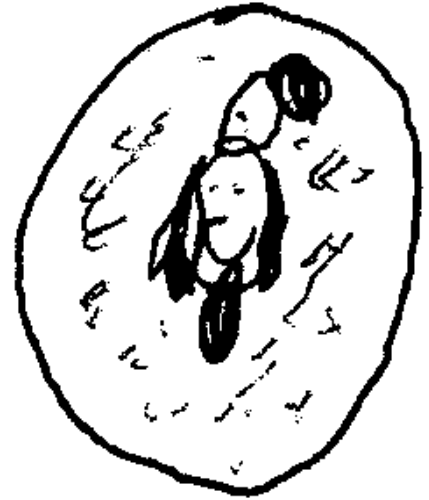
A Menorah
By Evan F.

ren and Killian. Beautiful headbands, bracelets, and necklaces were created by them. Matti and Evan chose to be Pilgrims. Matti made a white bonnet, Evan made a boy Pilgrim hat and both of them created white collards. We learned about Native Americans, the first Thanksgiving, and discussed what we are thankful for. We told Miss Leonor our answers and she wrote them on the feathers of the turkeys we made for the bulletin board. On the days before the feast we cooked and cooked. We made

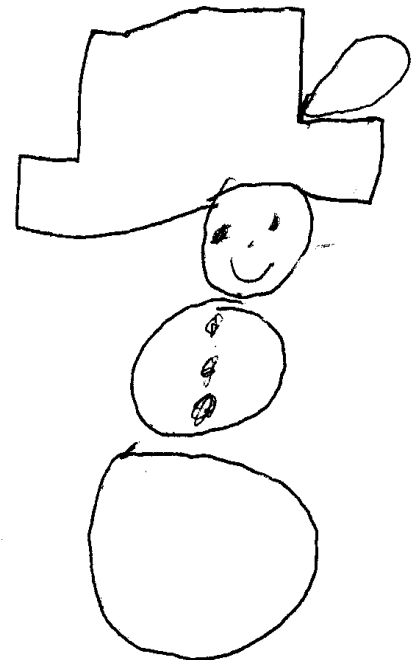
juicy fruit salad, mashed potatoes and mixed and baked mini corn muffins.

We did other cooking besides what we cooked for Thanksgiving. It all reinforced our letter sounds. We made Nachos with cheddar cheese and salsa, Pizza, Banana Quick Bread, mini Strawberry Shortcakes, Triangle Toast with iced Tea, Very Vanilla treats, Warm Wonderful Waffles, and X shaped pretzels.

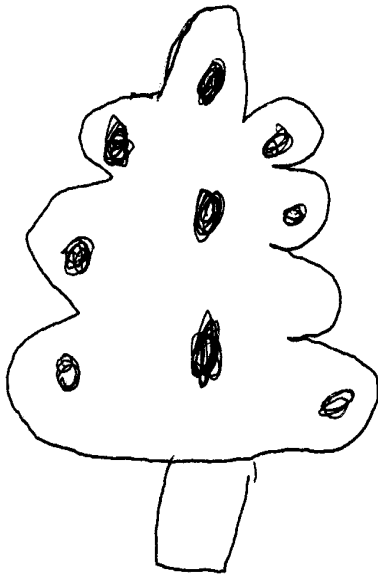
Most of the children had never used a waffle iron and really enjoyed this cooking experience. For the letter "R" we had chocolate and apple cinnamon Rice cakes.



Santa on a Cookie
By Grace P.



A Snowman
By Killian Y.



Matti's Christmas Tree
By Matti R.

The chocolate ones were the favorite. Yummy Yogurt was enjoyed for the letter "Y."

All of us learned how to read thirteen number words, and eight shape words. We also finished learning

the sounds and configurations of almost all the consonants. We only have "Z" left! After the break we will do it and review all the consonants for about a week. We will then spend about two weeks on each of the difficult vowels. In January we will begin reading to each other in class. More information will follow in the new year.

In the past two months we covered numbers seven to twelve. After our winter break we will review numbers zero to twelve and then we will learn to tell time to the hour and the half hour. We also reviewed plane shapes and will complete our shape unit by working on solid figures in January. To a graphing unit we tied stories and discussions of Hanukkah, Las Posadas (Mexico), St. Lucia's Day (Sweden), Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve.

In early December we started making our holiday gifts, gift bags, and cards for you. As always when we make anything for you, we put all our love and best efforts into it.

For Christmas we created a hand Christmas tree, a hands and foot Rudolph and decorated a Christmas tree. For the Christmas tree in the porch we made picture frame ornaments. Our Hanukkah projects were a star of David and a menorah. For Hanukkah we also had potato latkes with applesauce. We also created a booklet of all the December Holidays around the world. All month long we have been reading holiday stories and singing holiday songs.

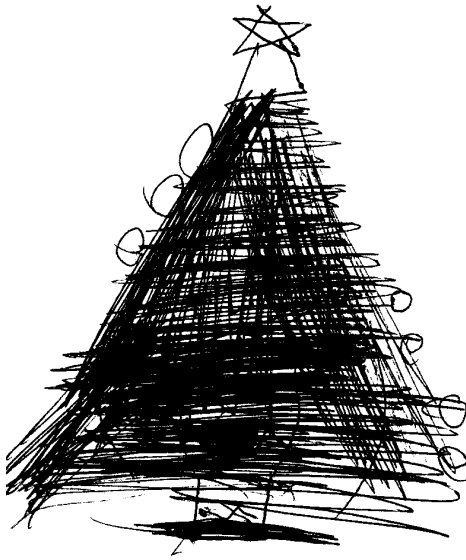
I am very proud of all the accomplishments of each and every one of my Cubs. They all have come such a long way this year! They make each day fun and a learning experience for me. I wish every one of them, and you their terrific parents, a happy and jolly holiday season. May 2012 be a wonderful, joyful, and healthy year.

Miss Leonor



Christmas Presents
By Lauren C.

Bear News



A Christmas Tree
By Noah S.

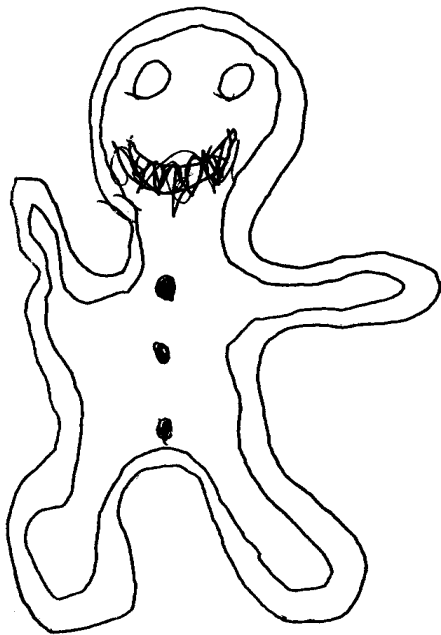
I hope all of you are enjoying the holiday season. I know the children are very excited!

In preparation for Thanksgiving we made paper plate turkeys with beautiful feathers. In

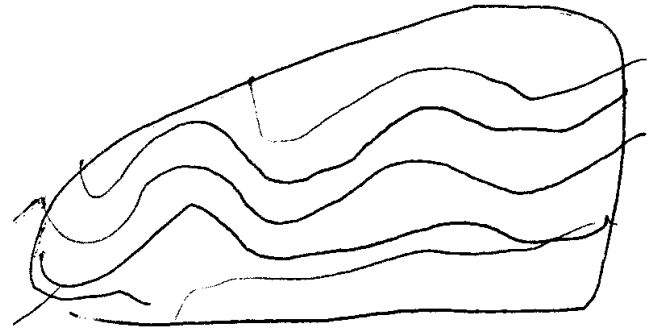
December we celebrated Caroline's and Isabella's birthdays. Caroline decided to have brownies as her birthday treat and Isabella shared cupcakes with her friends.

Our crafts in December revolved around Christmas.

We decorated foam gingerbread men, made ornaments, and worked very hard on your gifts, cards and gift bags. I hope you enjoy them and cherish them for many years to come.



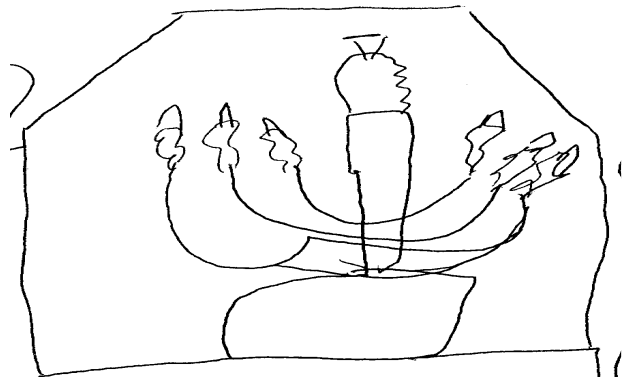
A Gingerbread boy
By Sophia S.



A Sled
By Jake Y.

During our winter break the Bears hope to....

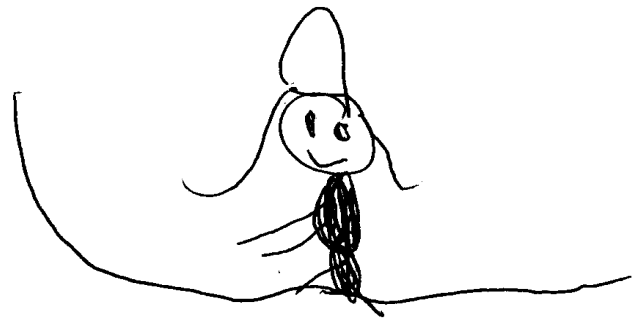
Jake- Have fun and go biking and hiking.



A Menorah
By Julia R.

Noah- I stay in the present.

Joey- Go to my friend Michael's for a sleep over.



Gianna Sleigh Riding
By Gianna R.



A Snowman
By Isabella S.

Sophia- Get my nails done and go to the movies.

Julia- Be boxing with Mya.

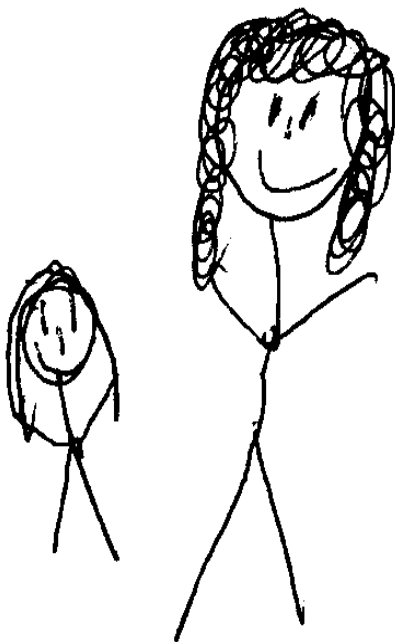
Abby- Hang with my mom and go to the mall to get my nails done.

Caroline- Hope to win the lottery.

Isabella- Stay home and be a potato head.

Gianna- G o sleigh riding.

Mya- Play with my neighbor and lay on my new couch.



Me & Mommy
By Abby S.

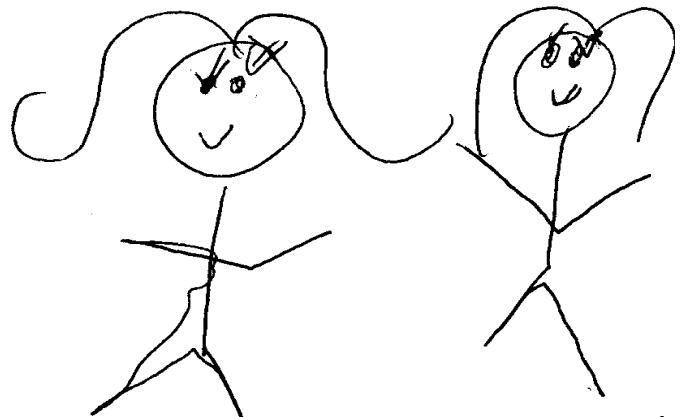
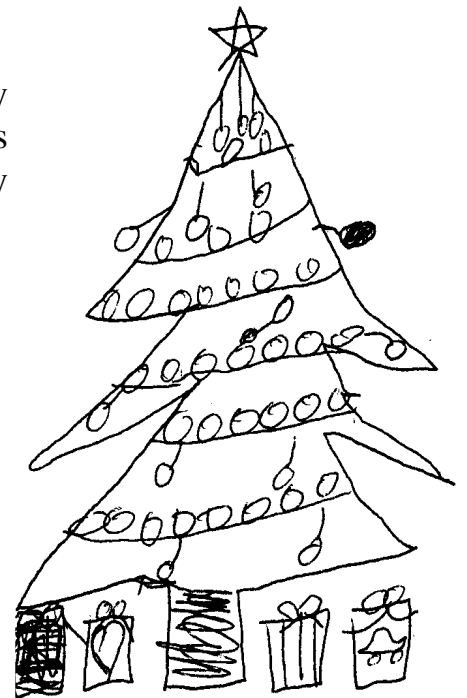
All the children are doing well with our routine and most of the time we complete all the homework and still have time to play and enjoy each

others company.

I wish you very happy holidays and prosperity in 2012.

Miss Michelle

A Christmas tree with Presents
By Caroline C.



Mya & her Cousin
By Mya W.



Someone Opening a Present
By Joey R.