



# RAINBOW CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

## December 2018 Newsletter



Happy Hanukkah

*"Every year at just this time,  
In cold and dark December,  
Families around the world  
All gather to remember,  
With presents and with parties,  
With feasting and with fun,  
Customs and traditions  
for people old and young."*

*- Helen H. Moore*

Merry Christmas



### DECEMBER THEMES

Our themes this month continue to include families and friends; sharing, caring, and giving. These concepts take on deeper meaning as we learn about and celebrate December's main holidays: Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and the coming of a New Year – 2019!

### THANK YOU

- Thank you to all of you who participated in our International Luncheon by bringing in food or other items to share. We all enjoyed a delicious feast and celebrated one of our greatest assets here at Rainbow – our diversity!
- Thanks to all of you who purchased School Unity T Shirts to support our school's fundraising efforts to provide quality professional training for our staff.
- Lastly, we thank you all so much for bringing in canned or boxed food for our November Food Drive. Your generous donations served as wonderful examples as we discussed sharing and caring about others with the children.



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## DECEMBER 3 - 14 – NEWHAT/GLOVES/SCARF COLLECTION

We are asking parents to help their children purchase a hat, gloves, or scarf to help keep children warm throughout the long cold winter. This is a powerful learning tool that really captures the spirit of giving and sharing. The hats, gloves, and scarves will be donated to Goodwill in Long Island City for local distribution.



## KINDERGARTEN 2019 ADMISSIONS TIMELINE



- **Application period began late November 2018**
- Application deadline is on January 14, 2019
- Placement offers distributed in March 2019
- Pre-registration starts in April 2019

For more information go to: [schools.nyc.gov/Kindergarten](http://schools.nyc.gov/Kindergarten)



## FAMILY COFFEE HOUR/WORKSHOP – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018 @ 8:30AM

- This month's topic will focus on our Developmentally Appropriate curriculum - highlighting our learning centers. Look for more details in the flyer. Please make every effort to attend this important workshop

## DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER/SCHOOL CLOSINGS

December 3-14	NEW HAT/GLOVES/SCARF COLLECTION
December 2	Hanukkah begins
December 11	Family Coffee Hour/Workshop
December 21	First day of winter
December 24 – Jan.1	<b>School Closed</b> – Holiday Break
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Kwanzaa
January 1	Happy New Year 2019!

## INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS

- As the cold weather approaches, this will be the first of many reminders of our bad weather closing policy. **If NYC schools close then we are also closed.** In the event that we decide to close the school even if NYC schools are open – your child's teacher will contact you by telephone. Please be sure to keep your phone number up-to-date on our snow/emergency telephone lists. The teachers will keep these emergency lists at home in order to contact you early in the morning in case the school will be closed. School closings will also be posted on our website: [www.rainbowchristian.com](http://www.rainbowchristian.com), and you will receive an **RCP remind text message**.

### Holiday Gifts...



The joy of the holidays is often marred by our anxiety to find the perfect gifts. So many of us fail to value the greatest gift we have to offer - simply put - *Ourselves*. Emerson's wise words capture this sentiment well, "... Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only true gift is a portion of thyself." [Emerson's Essay v gifts]. So this holiday season let's take a moment to think about the many gifts that we give to each other throughout the year. For example, we give of ourselves when we give: *Gifts of our Heart*: love, kindness, forgiveness; *Gifts of our Mind*: ideas, dreams, plans, ideals; *Gifts of our Spirit*: prayers, visions, faith, peace; and *Gifts of our Words*: encouragement, inspiration, guidance. May you give and receive an abundance of these treasured gifts during the holidays and throughout the year.

*Wishing you a Blessed Holiday Season and Peace, Happiness & Health in 2019!*

*Carla Ölmez, Director*