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# LIVE OAK PRESCOOL NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The holidays are upon us! This year has flown by! This is my favorite time of year, mostly because you can feel the magic of the holidays through the eyes of children. The air is filled with laughter, singing, excitement, and the spirit of togetherness. It truly is a wonderful time of year.

This month promises delightful activities that spark creativity, imagination, and ignite the wonder of the season. From crafting ornaments to singing carols, our school is brimming with festive cheer and learning adventures. Our sing-along is one of the merriest times, we hope to see you there.

We extend our warmest wishes to you this holiday. Your support and involvement make this season even brighter. Let's cherish these moments of joy and learning together, creating beautiful memories that will last a lifetime.

Wishing you and your families a December filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

*Miss Shirleyann*



# KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Believe it or not, many schools are having open houses and preparing for enrollment for next year. I will be hosting a kinder talk in January to support you with understanding Kinder/TK requirements. Together we will look at how and where to register, and most importantly assessing development needed for a smooth transition into "big" kid school. Traditionally, children must turn 5 by September 1st to start kindergarten in public school systems. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is the first year of a two year Kindergarten experience. These children will turn 5 between September 2nd and February 22nd.

As a preschool director, I wholeheartedly advocate for preschoolers (2-4years) staying in a play based preschool rather than moving directly into TK or Kindergarten programs. A valuable learning process is happening in these years Through play children are given opportunities to explore, experiment, discover, foster creativity, imagination, and critical thinking. These skills are essential in all stages of life, and they are emerging during the preschool years. It's so important we nurture this developmental journey in young children before they step into the structure of classrooms.

I looking forward to connecting more on this topic,

Miss Shirleyann



**DON'T FORGET TO PACK A RAINCOAT AND BOOTS FOR RAINY AND WET DAYS AHEAD!**

staff spotlight

**MISS KAELEY**



Miss Kaeley is an integral part of our team here at Live Oak! You can find her tucked away in the back office or helping support the teachers and students throughout the day. Kaeley is native to Sonoma County, having been born and raised in Windsor, CA. Her journey in early childhood education begins as a dedicated preschool teacher. Kaeley also pursued her passion for interior design and organization. These varied interests and education provide her with a unique perspective at balancing office duties and fostering an environment that supports the growth and learning of young children. When Kaeley is not supporting Live Oak, she spends time with her son and family basking in the beauty of the outdoors.



# Holiday Sing-A-Long



We are so excited for our Holiday Sing-A-Long this year! We hope you can come join us on **12/20 @ 9:30 AM for MWF program** and **12/21 @ 9:30 AM for the TTH program**. Both programs will not hold extended day those days. The children have already started practicing with the teachers and Miss Ali. Here is a list of the songs we will sing if you would like to start practicing too!

Rudolph

This Little Light of Mine

Peppermint Stick

Jingle Bells

Dreidel Dreidel

Feliz Navidad

Gingerbread Man



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## Important Dates

December 20th  
**HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG**  
9:30 AM  
**NO EXTENDED DAY** ✨ ✨

December 21st  
**TTH HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG**  
9:30 AM  
**NO EXTENDED DAY**

December 22  
**TEACHER IN-SERVICE**  
**NO SCHOOL**

December 25th- January 5th  
**WINTER BREAK**  
**NO SCHOOL**

January 8th  
**SCHOOL RESUMES MWF**

January 9th  
**SCHOOL RESUMES TTH**