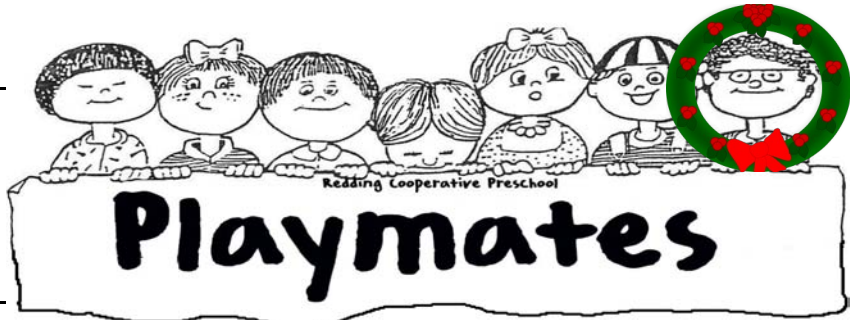




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NEWSLETTER

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### A message from Teacher Julia!



Dear parents,

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference. It allowed me to explore different philosophies and set ups. As a result, and since it is almost the end of the year 2010, I thought that it was a good time for moving some furniture around and making some other changes in the classroom.

The manipulative room now has a bigger area for the children to build with blocks and a very informative board on the wall. I also created a bulletin board for the art room with information on how to work with clay and its benefits for the children. My plan is to encourage the children to use these two materials more often.

The library also has a different look; the table is in the middle of the room, and I am looking forward to finding out the many ways in which the children can use it to read and share books with each other.

Please take a moment when you are at school to look around the classroom with your child. I am very excited to hear your feedback and comments.

If you would like to share with your child's class your family's special celebration of the Holidays, please talk to me soon so I can schedule your presentation for the week before Winter Break.

Please remember that you can always call me or email me if you have any questions.

Affectionately,

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### IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE!

December 1<sup>st</sup>.....Pajama Day for 3 year olds  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup>.....Pajama Day for 4 year olds  
 December 7<sup>th</sup>.....Parent Meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
 December 16<sup>th</sup>.....Holiday Craft Fair  
 December 21<sup>st</sup>.....Santa Visit for 4 year olds  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup>.....Santa Visit for 3 year olds  
 December 23<sup>rd</sup>-Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.....Winter Break (No School)  
 January 10<sup>th</sup>.....Back to School for 3 year olds  
 January 11<sup>th</sup>.....Back to School for 4 year olds  
 January 11<sup>th</sup>.....Parent Meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
 January 16<sup>th</sup>.....MLK Day (No School)  
 January 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday).....Mid Year Cleanup 9:00AM – noon

### December Birthdays to Celebrate!

December 2..Mattea!  
 December 6..Aubrie!  
 December 15....Max!



### December Weekly School Themes

- 1) Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Leaves
- 2) Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> .....Mother Opossum and her Young
- 3) Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> .....Celebrate the Holidays
- 4) Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> .....Winter Break



## A message from Parent Board President Michaela!



Dear parents,

It's hard to believe that December is here already! Our month started off with a very successful Pajama Day. It was fun to see the kids playing together and including their "lovies" in their play. I don't know about you, but my son wanted to have a "Pajama Weekend!"

This is an exciting month for the children as they look forward to all the fun of the holidays. These years are filled with so much wonder! I especially enjoy watching them choose gifts for everyone they know at the craft fair. Sometimes they get more excited about giving a gift than receiving one and I'm sure this group will be a great bunch of Santas! I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing winter break.

Enjoy the holidays!

Michaela



### HOLIDAY PRETZEL COOKIES

These are delicious, simple, salty and sweet cookies that can easily be made together with your preschooler.

#### INGREDIENTS

Miniature pretzels

Hershey's Kisses

Red and green M&Ms



#### DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees. Spread pretzels out on a baking sheet and allow your preschool helper to eat any broken pretzel pieces. Have your preschooler unwrap the Hershey's Kisses and set one in the middle of each pretzel. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and carefully push an M&M down into the center of each softened Hershey's Kiss. Let them cool for a bit, then place them in the refrigerator to harden.

(Recipe from Annette Osborne, Redding Record Searchlight November 28, 2010)

Website

FEATURED WEBSITE

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[www.bamradionetwork.com](http://www.bamradionetwork.com)

Check it out! - Their Parents Channel is awesome! Here is an excerpt from their website that describes what BAM!radio is.

**BAM!radio**  
The Voice of the Education Community™



**BAM!** is an acronym for "body and mind", and BAM! Radio was conceived in 2007 on the premise that the key to success in life for children and youth is nurturing a healthy mind in a healthy body.

Developed by early childhood professionals, BAM! Radio started out as a single online radio program called Body Mind and Child. It was created to bring parents the latest insights and wisdom from the leading experts in the fields of early childhood education, physical education/motor development, play research, child development, and the neurosciences.

We soon found that educators and school administrators were also tuning into the program and telling us that they found many of the segments relevant to them and very helpful. We listened and at the end of 2008 we began expanding the programming to serve a broader slice of the education community.

Today BAM Radio is the largest education radio network in the world offering programming from the nation's top education organizations and thought leaders and reaching a wide audience of people passionately committed to quality education – including parents.

But what most distinguishes BAM Radio Network are the people involved. Our "on air" hosts are the executive directors of the most respected educational associations in the country, our guests are the leading experts, advocates and journalists in education and our programming is produced by an Emmy winning team. Simply said we have assembled the best talent we could secure in an effort to be your most valued and reliable source of information and insight.

We are honored to be able to host, extend the reach and amplify the voices of the education community.

Our commitment continues!

**The BAM! Team**

