Dear Parents,

The year 2014 comes to an end with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement in Nursery to bid farewell to this year and welcome the New Year. Before we mention what we have in store for our children in the coming months, let’s quickly update you on the activities of the last two months.

In October Nursery held its Grandparents Day. Our little stars put up an amazing show for their beloved grandparents. They danced and sang for them most enthusiastically. The grandparents were presented with a picture frame decorated with the handprint of their precious little one as a souvenir of a memorable day.

The spirit of the festival season was recreated during the special assemblies held during each festival along with related art and craft activities in class. We had our own cleanliness drive in Nursery on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and our little ones participated eagerly in a march around the school in their crisp white kurta pyjamas. The Ramleela enactment by the teachers was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and so was the visit to the farm where they learnt about the plant and animal world with awe and wonder. We also initiated our reading program with two letter blends using word sliders.

Several exciting activities have been planned for the children during the months of December and January:

In December, a sense of belonging that comes with contributing, giving and receiving gifts to usher in Christmas shall be reinforced in our value of the month: Good Deed. We will celebrate Republic Day in the month of January. The celebrations will emphasize our value of the month: Unity in Diversity.

In the month of December we will
learn all about *Transportation* and in *January* we will learn about the different *Seasons* through various activities related to the topic for these months. Apart from the activities, we will integrate this learning with our art and craft work in class and have fun doing our activity booklet too!

**English**

**Oral:**
- “Circle Time” - children will be exposed to rhymes and stories related to the value/topic of the month.
- Introduction of alphabets (a-z) along with their sounds.
- Recapitulation of letters already covered.
- Vocabulary exercise for the letters *g,v,y in December* and *q,z,w in January*.
- Structures These are/ Those are.
- Show and tell.
- Continue with simple sound blends and reading two – three letter words.

**Pre-writing skills.**
- We will continue with activities like cutting, tearing and pasting, stringing beads, sorting, playing with dough and toys etc to improve motor co-ordination.
- Paper folding and Pattern drawing *(circles)*.

**Number work**

**Oral:**
- We will continue with the pre-number concepts (Before and After)
- Counting of numbers from 1-9 using beads, buttons, crayons etc.
- Introduction to number 6 and 7
- Oral counting from 1-50.
- Recapitulation of numbers 1-5 and associating quantity to number.
- Introduction to writing numerals.

To keep up with the festive season and to make it special Santa Claus will visit the Nursery courtyard and distribute candies to the little ones.

One of our most exciting Annual events is around the corner! The Winter Carnival will be celebrated by the whole school with full enthusiasm and
vigour. Your visit will add colour to the fun and excitement of the day. It also promotes the value of the month, as all proceeds go to Umang.

**Cooking without fire:** In December we will indulge our sweet tooth by rolling chocolate balls and in January to keep us all warm we will be making Hot Chocolate.

Thank you and that is all for this month. Warm wishes for a *Merry Christmas* and *A Very Happy New Year* from all of us in Nursery !!!

Here’s to the bright New Year,
And a fond farewell to the old.
Here’s to the things that are yet to come,
And to the memories that we hold.

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