

December 2017

## Holidays Around the World at Playtime December 20th

Every year, Playtime classrooms transform for the holidays to represent a different continent from around the world. Your child will have the opportunity to visit and see all the classrooms with you. We invite parents to come to Playtime on Wednesday December 20th to accompany their children on a world tour within our school. It's an Open House type event with a holiday twist.

**Please plan to join us Friday December 20th:**

**2nd floor classrooms - 8:45am-9:45am**

**1st floor classrooms— 10:00am-11:00am**

We are looking forward to this fantastic 10th annual Around the World open house event. And we are excited to be sharing with you the fun and immersive learning environment that your children have created with their teachers. Thank you, in advance, for your support of this fun event at Playtime.

### Classroom Teachers

Around this time of year, the office often gets requests for names of teachers in each classroom for holiday cards. So, here is a complete list:

Twos Class: Ovita, Ashlee, Claudia

Threes Class: Ania, Minaida

PreK 3: Yadira, Cindy

T/Th Part Time PK3: Susan, Chelsea

VPK (A): Gina, Klotilda

VPK (B): Sheena, Yeiza, Maria

VPK Part Time: Susan, Rita

School Age Aftercare: Natashaia, Chelsea, Amanda

Office: Julie, Emily, Ali, Tracey

### Important Semester Dates

December 20th—  
Holidays Around the  
World at Playtime

December 19th—Santa  
visits Playtime

December 25th-26th—  
Closed for Christmas

January 1st—Closed for  
New Year's



Kona Ice returns to  
Playtime from 4pm-  
6pm on Friday  
December 8th. Enjoy  
a cool treat with your  
kids as you head out  
for the weekend.

\*\* Hillsborough County  
Schools close for winter  
break December 12th-  
January 8th. Classes resume  
on January 9th. See school  
age teachers for activity  
schedules at Playtime. \*\*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CINDY—DEC. 3RD

ANIA —DEC. 22ND

MARIA — DEC. 30TH

## “ABC Mouse” Website for Preschoolers

Our VPK classes use the ABC Mouse preschool learning website to practice math and reading skills in a fun interactive environment. If you feel your child needs extra practice to get ready for Kindergarten, we recommend using the site at home. However, there is a fee to subscribe.

To sign up for a free trial and start learning through play with your preschooler, go to:

[www.abcmouse.com/FreeTrial](http://www.abcmouse.com/FreeTrial)

ABC Mouse is also available as an app for your smart phone or tablet.

## Hot Cocoa Ornaments



Here’s an easy ornament gift idea to make this year with your kids:

Just fill a plastic ornament with hot chocolate mix, sprinkles, chocolate chips and marshmallows. Plus, there are tons of ways to change it up. Stir in cinnamon and cayenne pepper to make Mexican hot chocolate, or try malted milk powder and crushed Whoppers for an old-school version.

You can get creative with the outside of the ornament too. Doodle on some designs with a metallic paint pen, or add a festive ribbon along the top.



### Virtue

“We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but rather we have those because we have acted rightly.”

... Aristotle

You could fill the plastic ornament with candy kisses or M&M’s candies for an even simpler project. Bows, snowman buttons or a Santa belt, made with colored tape, can add another level of creative flair.

Clear ornaments in the 100mm size work well for this project and can be found at craft stores, Wal-Mart, or on Amazon.com. Happy Holidays!



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Look for pictures soon of our Holidays around the World and Santa visit!