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Welcome to the frosty month of December! It is so hard to believe that November is over, and the holidays are already approaching. December is a short and enjoyable month for all, and the children are excited to do something different this month.

This year, the Upper Elementary class will be performing William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night". This is a delightfully funny rendition of Shakespeare's play and is easy for kids as well as adults to understand. There are actual lines from Shakespeare's script and creatively funny interpretations of the remaining text. This melodramatic masterpiece is sure to be a doorway for your child to love all the classics. The young performers have been hard at work preparing for the performance, and with the diversity of talents and personalities in the classroom, this show will surely not be one to be missed. We will be sending an email regarding costume suggestions. Feel free to borrow and share if you have extras. The study of Arts in the elementary curriculum includes visual arts, music, dance, and theatre. This opportunity will offer experiences for students to expand their social, emotional, and intellectual expertise, as a process of both creating and communicating meaning and understanding across a diverse range of concepts and ideas.

We are also excited to announce that the students of our Upper Elementary Program will be holding their eight Annual "Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop" for the students of Fountain Valley Montessori. The students are excited to stock, organize and run their very own shop to help their school mates shop for their loved ones during this holiday season! This will be a great opportunity for our Elementary students to put their math skills to use, as well as their grace and courtesy skills. While doing so, our other students will have an opportunity to shop on their own for moms, dads, siblings, and anyone else on their holiday list!

The Units for the month of December will be:

Cultural Units:

World holidays: This would be a great opportunity for them to explore together how holidays are celebrated in other countries and how they have incorporated some of those traditions into their own family celebrations. In this way, children

realize that all cultures can offer positive experiences.

Elementary heritage Project: The Elementary heritage project is set up for students to discover their heritage while learning why the United States is called the "melting pot" of the world. The goal of this

project is for each student to research and reflect on their individual backgrounds and share their knowledge with their peers through their poster.

Winter and December Writing Prompts:

'Does falling snow have a sound?', 'If I owned

a toy store', "' The best gifts are gifts from the heart.'" What does this phrase mean to you?' and more!

Art: Cube Murals inspired by "ThankYouX".

Theatre: William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"

Our holiday show will be held on Thursday, Dec 16 from 11:15 to 12 noon. Please note, the Lower Elementary will begin their show at 10:45 am. Make sure to arrive on time as we will begin on schedule. Please be sure to enjoy these last days of the year 2021 and hope that everyone has a warm and cozy December!

