



Eda's News



EduArt Nurseries and Preschools Newsletter
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Dear parents, dear friends,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Christmas edition. We have the first Sunday of Advent behind us and one of the most beautiful times of the year ahead. I would like us all to enjoy it as much as possible and without any interference from the situation that has been surrounding us these past two years.

We at EduArt kindergartens are prepared for December with a rich program from which the Christmas atmosphere is already spreading. We will respect the Czech tradition of a visit of St Nicholas, Devil, and Angel, and we will make the children from underprivileged families happy with the charity project "Shoe Box", we will decorate trees, create candies, and unwrap presents from both baby Jesus and Santa! In addition to Christmas, the main topics for us this month are solidarity and helping others. You can find out more about the details of the program and our upcoming events on pages 2 and 3. We look forward to seeing a lot of joy on the faces of your children!



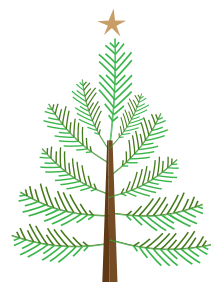
On page 4, you will find an overview article on the importance and role of parent-teacher conferences, which we organize for you at both branches at the beginning of December. Find out what topics you will have the opportunity to discuss at the meeting with the teachers!

Let me also thank you from the bottom of my heart for your cooperation and support in 2021. I think it is especially important at this time to support each other (although now more from a distance). Related to this is that even that we would very much like to resume community events for parents and gatherings, the current situation does not let us. However, we will be recording Christmas videos of the arrival of St. Nicholas, gatherings, unwrapping presents, so that you can at least feel the Advent atmosphere that we, together with the children, will create in our kindergartens.

I wish you all to stay in good health as we reach the end of the year and to enjoy Christmas along with all the ones you love most!

Merry Christmas!

Ida Smékalová,
co-founder



December in Vinohrady

EVENT CALENDAR



- 3.12. Christmas Tree Decorating
- 6.12. St Nicholas' Visit
- 6.-10.12. Project Week - Fish
- 15.12. Christmas Party
- 17.12. Fairy Tale Night - Christmas is here!
- 20.12. Boxing Day



The most awaited month of the calendar year for children is finally here. The very first week draws us into Advent with full force. With the children, we will focus on the arrival of St. Nicholas with his crew, an Angel and the Devil. We get to know the Czech customs associated with the celebration of this feast and there will certainly be a lot of time spent on thematic crafts.

We'll take a short break in the second week from the pre-Christmas bustle in the form of a project week on the topic of "Fish". We will focus on the differences between freshwater and saltwater fish, their body structure, what they eat, and also reproduction. At the end of this week, we will connect the project week theme with Advent and the children will get acquainted with the very Czech tradition of Christmas carp.

The following week, we are diving head first into preparations for Christmas. We will not only decorate a Christmas tree, but also carry out you, the parents, in our parent-teacher conferences in the kindergarten. The children will sing a lot and Christmas-themed animals will not be left out either.

The last week begins with the giving of gifts so that the rest of the week is in the spirit of Christmas and merriment. The children will get acquainted with the history of Christmas, traditions, and customs. Carols will sound in the kindergarten and the children will enjoy the new toys that Santa Claus will bring them.

Weekly topics:

- Saint Nicholas
- Fish
- Advent time
- Magic Christmas





December in Libuš

In the cusp week between November-December, we can look forward to the arrival of a popular trio - St. Nicholas, the Devil and an Angel, with which we will mark our start of Advent. These legendary characters will also come to EduArt to see us and delight us with their treats.

In the second week of December, another topic from our annual project "Continents" awaits us, namely, American customs. We will find out what we have in common with Americans and what is typical during their holiday season. We'll focus on Christmas time and talk about Santa and his reindeer-drawn sleigh. We will decorate the tree together and end the week with a Christmas-themed Fairytale Night.

We will be fully immersed in the third week in the Christmas atmosphere with the theme of Christmas traditions. We will create beautiful holiday decorations and talk about Christmas customs and traditions. Together with Edík, we will make bird feeders for the winter.

In the last week, just before Christmas, we will really get to enjoy the upcoming holiday season. We are going to listen to fairy tales, sing carols and make Christmas-themed products. Just before Christmas Day, EduArt's Baby Jesus will visit us and put some presents under our tree.

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Weekly topics:

- Saint Nicholas
- American customs
- Christmas traditions
- Merry Christmas



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- 3.12. St. Nicholas Visit
- 7.12. Christmas Tree Decoartion
- 10.12. Fairy Tale Night
- 15.12. Bird Feeders
- 23.12. Christmas party + Boxing day



Conferences with parents - role and importance

Ida Smékalová

In our kindergartens and nurseries we often gladly communicate with parents about children, their development, and progress. For us, the parent is a partner with whom we share important knowledge that we gain about their child's dreams during the school year. We also encourage individual consultations with parents and will be holding these throughout December. Let me show you to the importance and reasons for our conferences, which are a main pillar of our teaching.

The evaluation of each child in our kindergarten is carried out in several ways. The teacher interacts with the child every day. They keep monthly records of the child's nature, development and behavior. This gives the teacher a comprehensive basis for conferences with parents and for individual work with the child. Our teachers regularly present their observations to the parents in 20-30 minutes sessions held 3 times a year. The parent also receives a written summary from the teacher during the meeting, which provides the parent with an overview of important aspects of their child's development and personality, and is also an interesting timeline that reflects the child's development over time. We have regular consultations ahead of us in December, March, and June, but of course we are always open to meetings outside these terms at the request of our parents.

WHAT DO WE COVER IN THE EVALUATION OF THE CHILD?

- **SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- **THE CHILD'S STRENGTHS AND TYPES OF MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES**
- **PREFERENCES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES AND TOYS**
- **MOTOR SKILLS**
- **SELF-SERVICE AND INDEPENDENCE**
- **GROUP INTERACTION**
- **DOMINANT WAY OF PERCEPTION (HEARING, SIGHT, TOUCH)**
- **LATERALITY**
- **SPEECH DEVELOPMENT**



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE MEETING

During the consultations, the parents will gain a comprehensive overview of the above mentioned areas of child development. At the end of the presentation of this overview, they will also learn what the teacher will focus on with the child in the future as well as what types of Howard's multiple intelligences the teacher sees in the child.

The next step is viewing the child's portfolio. The portfolio serves as a child's diary. We work with it in the morning circles and main activities. Through it, we document children's progress and crafts. The communication and motivational function of the portfolio is essential. The child alone evaluates, admires their creations, and learns to appreciate their work and the work of their classmates.

The last and most important point of the meeting is the discussion with the parents. Feedback from parents is crucial for us and allows us both a deeper understanding of the child and the approach of parents and is also a starting point to innovate and improve our methods. An important aspect is also finding harmony between educational and educational practices that, when applied in kindergarten, should be broadly consistent with procedures at home - such as self-service training or speech therapy exercises.

We believe that thanks to the upcoming parent-teacher conferences, you will get a true picture of your child(ren) and a good feeling from the positive impact of our team's work with them.

