



Class 4 News

It's hard to believe that we are already in December. We miss our outdoor play! We continue to focus on communication and socialization in all that we do. It's amazing to see how far our students have come.

Always remember the importance of modeling the communication that you would like to see occur. It is also important that we don't force communication or force the use of the device. Our students will eventually communicate based on our modeling and recognizing the power in the device. Be patient and give plenty of processing time. It's a long process; be patient as it will come.

Thank you to parents who were able to attend our November 25th for Family Fun Day. We had a great time working on Christmas decorations and we were glad that you could 'see us in action' in our morning circle. Please know that you are always welcome to come in and spend time in class 4.

Please join us for Christmas Carols on December 19th and 20th and our Christmas Open House on December 21st at 1:00. We will have snacks and activities for the students. Please join us for some Christmas cheer. Class 4 wishes all of you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. And wait some more. Waiting is so important for students using AAC. Using a communication device is much slower than speaking (thinking about what someone might have asked you, what you want to say, where the words are on the device, finding the words on the device and then communicating the message). Wait to give the student time to respond. Wait so the student knows you expect something from them. Wait to see what happens. Try counting to 10 in your head before offering a prompt or modelling. It may feel quite strange at first, but give it a try and see what happens. It's one of the most powerful things you can do.

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- December 5th Tree of Warmth Kick-Off
- December 19th Caroling Around the Tree
- December 20th Caroling Around the Tree
- December 20th Holiday Gifts for Students
- December 21st Christmas Open House
- December 23rd Last day of school
- January 9th First day back to school