Preschool Director’s Board Report December 2019

Family/Community Involvement

* Preschool will be holding our second annual Gingerbread Party on December 19! Turnout looks good so far.
* Full Day Preschool is hosting a holiday cookie swap with their class where families will make their favorite cookie and bring them in to share with each other. There will be some parent volunteers as well.

Professional Development

* I recently made a connection with a trainer who used to work for the CT Afterschool network, but now works for 2-1-1. 2-1-1 provides free trainings in various topics for early childhood educators. She agreed to host both CT DOTS training (the assessment we use), and the pyramid model training here at CASTLE! We invited staff members from centers in town to attend the DOTS training and we had people from CES and Curley’s come. It was a great opportunity for collaboration amongst providers.
* Ms. Jen shared takeaways from the NAEYC conference with the preschool staff at our monthly meeting. She got some great ideas and as a result she is starting a pen-pal program with another early childhood center in Mansfield Connecticut. The hope is to learn about other children who are attending school in a similar setting and expand our preschooler’s world view!
* 3 of our teachers will be attending a full day workshop on social-emotional learning at LEARN this month. Topics include mindfulness, conscious discipline, and the pyramid model.