

# Kindergarten News

## Brain Builder

Place two long strips of masking tape on the floor, five feet apart. Ask your child(ren) how they would move a Ping-Pong ball from one line to the other without touching it. (Some possibilities include blowing the ball through a straw, fanning it with a magazine or book, blowing on it with your mouth, or blowing it through a paper towel tube.)

- from *Start Smart!* By Pam Schiller

## Poem

### *When Santa Comes to My House*

When Santa comes to my house,  
I will not take a peek,  
For I know he'll never come,  
Until I'm fast asleep!



Last Day of Children's Garden is  
Monday, Dec. 16th **OR**  
Wednesday, Dec. 18th,  
depending on which day you usually attend.



Classes resume Monday,  
January 6th  
or Wednesday,  
January 8th.



## Physical Challenge

**Hand jive** - Partners stand facing each other. Slap knees, clap hands, touch right hands, clap hands, slap knees, clap hands, touch left hands, clap hands. Repeat pattern saying the following:

Hot cross buns.  
Hot cross buns.  
One a penny, two a penny,  
Hot cross buns.

## Parenting Ideas

Daily structure and routines are important throughout childhood; but this is a transition year, so structure is crucial to your child's security and well-being. As much as possible, his/her life should revolve around familiar people, places, and routines.

When behavior problems occur, make sure that your child is getting plenty of rest and regular meals; cut back on outside activities to focus on familiar daily routines; catch your child being good and praise him/her for it; give immediate instruction or consequences for misbehavior.



Have a most magnificent  
holiday season!!  
- Mrs. Hastert