

# First Steps' News

## **DECEMBER 2011**

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual December Festival and Bazaar

Our Annual December Festival and Bazaar is getting closer and closer. The festival will take place at First Steps International Academy on Saturday, December 10th, 2011 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Just as in past years, the school's parking lot will be closed off. There are many activities planned for the children! There will be face painting, bounce houses, Santa Claus and much more. There will be music, food and beverages for children and adults to enjoy! There will also be a Bazaar where vendors will be selling items such as jewelry, adult and children's clothing, homemade crafts and more. There will also be raffles held throughout the day. If you or someone you know is interested in setting up a table/booth to vend items at the Bazaar (all you need is your own table and shade), spaces are available for only \$40 for the whole day. Please notify us at the front desk as soon as possible! The deadline for renting a space is December 2nd, 2011. We are pre-selling tickets for children's rides, activities, raffles, food and beverages. The price for each ticket is \$1 sold on the day of the event. If you purchase tickets during pre-sale, you can get 20 tickets for \$17.00.

Feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to join us in our festivities!

#### **THANKSGIVING**

Thanks to everyone involved for all your help and involvement with the Thanksgiving Brunch. The children had an incredible time and enjoyed sharing some time with their families!!



#### **FIELD TRIP**

On December 16, 2011 PK-3, PK-4, and PK-5 and VPK will be attending the ballet "The Nutcracker" at The Parker Playhouse. Snowflakes, sugarplums, naughty little boys, and magical dolls -- The charm of the Holidays is back this year, as Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents the return of the classic ballet "The Nutcracker." This critically acclaimed performance is choreographed and directed by renowned Ballet Master Vladimir Issaev. The enthusiastic young company features a team of professional dancers performing the principal roles, as well as a community cast made up of local character artists and children for the party scene. The engaging choreography- from the fun of the party scene- to the harrowing battle scene- to the enchanting kingdom of the sweets- is guaranteed to entertain any age. Not only is it the most popular ballet enjoyed by all audiences around the world during this time of the year but it also serves as an introduction to ballet for the very young audiences.

#### STAFF CHANGES

Older 2's-Miss Martha is on medical leave. Miss Yenny Fuertes will be covering for her. We wish her a speedy recovery. Raquel Morales will join that class also as a Teacher Assistant.

Younger 3's-Miss Judy is taking a job in Miami. It is a wonderful opportunity for her and we wish her much success and happiness. We will miss her. Miss Melissa, our Assistant Director will be taking over the classroom. We are thrilled she has accepted this position and are confident the transition will be a smooth one.

### **First Steps International Academy**

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