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Phone: 604.792.6612 Toll Free: 800.661.3919 Email: mail@mintergardening.com Web: www.mintergardening.com Good morning,

Thank you for your interest in bringing your group of young gardeners to our store this holiday season! We have three activity options for visiting school and pre-school groups (generally suitable for children aged 3-10).

## **Activity 1: Garden Center Walking Tour**

One of our experienced team members will lead students on a walking tour inside the garden center greenhouses, introducing students to: Poinsettias (the traditional holiday flower, but with many different kinds now available!), Winter Greens (fragrant stems used for decorating), Winter Berries (ornamental berry bushes as well as cut stems for winter colour) and Plants that Flower in Winter (including some that feed bees and hummingbirds). At the end of the walk, your guide will show students how we paint and glitter a poinsettia to make it really sparkle! Each student will be provided with a seasonal handout to take home and a candy cane too (to be given to the teacher for safekeeping!).

- **Duration**: We allow 30-45 minutes for the tour.
- **Group Size**: Minimum group size is 10, maximum group size is 28, including teachers, adult helpers and/or siblings.
- **Cost**: \$25 (incl. tax) for the group, due on arrival, with one person making the payment for all (as opposed to separate payments) please.
- When: November 20 to December 20, 9am-12:30pm (excluding weekends). Please note, bookings are subject to team member availability. Requests must be made at least seven business days in advance of the day you're hoping to come, please. Thank you!

## Activity 2: 'Make & Take' Paperwhite Bulb

Children will plant their own Paperwhite narcissus to grow indoors at home! Students will fill a pot with soil, top it with sand, set the bulb in and package it up. They will learn a little about growing plants indoors at the same time!

- Duration: We allow 15-20 minutes for the activity.
- Cost: \$3.00 per student (incl. tax)
- 'Group Size' and 'When' details are as above.

## **Activity 3: Self-Guided 'Scavenger Hunt'**

Each holiday season we create a self-guided 'Scavenger Hunt' so that students can learn about seasonal plants, see neat decorative items and explore the store and have some fun in the process! All of the answers/items are in the covered area of the store (not outside). Students will be greeted by a team member, given a form and a pencil, and then students can find the items/answers independently. Students keep their sheets, and we will provide teachers with an answer key and a treat for each student. Please note, unless adult helpers are with the group, this activity is most suitable for children of reading age (there is a fair bit of reading!).

- Duration: Approximately 30 minutes, but the ages of the children will dictate the time.
- Cost: Complimentary
- **Group Size:** As this is an independent activity any number is fine, we just request that a time be booked, please, so that we can prepare materials for the class.
- When: Our Scavenger Hunt will be available as of December 1, during store hours

Should you have any questions regarding the activities please contact Erin at erin@mintergardening.com. To request a time for your tour and to make a booking, please contact Jo-Ann at 604.792.3799. Thank you!

Sincerely, Erin Minter