

Our Classroom Newsletter

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Our Week at a Glance

Religion – Stories we read this week include Zechariah and Elizabeth, the Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary, the birth of John, and the birth of Jesus. Before our vacation begins, the children will learn about the shepherds' visit to Jesus. We are learning about the Jesse tree and celebrated our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day. The celebration of Advent is always in our hearts.

Math – We wrapped up chapter 7: Representing and Reading Numbers 6-12. Your children have learned to model, count, draw, write, and read numbers 6-12. This week we focused on the numbers 11 and 12, and reviewed for the test. Please continue to practice all numbers learned so far to ensure your children are writing them properly. Christmas break is a great time to practice if you are looking for a way to keep your child busy!

Reading – This week we continued with Tic, Tac and Toc! Your children listened to these three girls sing a song about tumbling on a trampoline, tootling a tuba, tossing tangerines, and other activities whose names start with the letter t. In this unit, we learned to name and write upper and lowercase Tt. We listened for the sound of t at the beginning and the end of words such as tag and dot. We practiced reading words that differ only by their middle vowels, such as dig and dog. This unit also contains a story about playing tag that your child can read to you! When they bring it home, turn to pages 10–11 and have your child read the story to you. Discuss what you both like or dislike about playing tag. To conclude the unit on Monday, we will listen to a story titled Tac, Toc, and Turtles. In this story, Tac and Toc pretend to be turtles. Toc gets jealous when Tac invites Cass to play the game, but Toc soon realizes that including others is more fun than staying angry. Discuss with your child the importance of sharing and inviting others to join in games.

Science/Social Studies – We continue to talk about Christmas customs across the world. We illustrated our own Nativity booklets. These are beautiful books to read together before bed.

Reminders and Upcoming Events



- The Christmas Play will be on Monday, December 18, at 7pm. All students should wear a dark (black or navy blue) turtleneck, and dark (black or navy blue) pants. Girls may wear stretchy black leggings and boys may wear school pants. Dark socks and shoes should also be worn. School shoes work well (Bucks or Mary Jane's). **Please come to school on Monday** wearing the dark turtleneck and dark pants under the jumper (girl) or dark turtleneck and school pants (boys). Please refer to the pink paper that went home today for information about when to get there and how to pick up your child.
- Please remember to return your child's costume in the Nordstrom bag on Tuesday. Please do not wash.
- Christmas vacation begins December 20th at noon. There is extended day.
- Class Christmas parties will be held on Tuesday at 10am followed by a Christmas movie with the whole school in the afternoon. Your child may dress up their uniform in red and green for the party. We will attend our very own school "Christmas" mass on Wednesday morning at 9:30, before we leave for break. All are welcome to attend.
- **We will be testing the children at the end of January on self-help skills such as shoe tying, buttoning, and zipping, as well as the letters we have learned so far and the sounds they make.** Please practice these at home over the break.
- **There will be no newsletter or homework next week. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you on Tuesday, January 2, 2018!**

