

## Flight 4B News and Itinerary Week of December 17, 2018

### Week 3 of Advent: Candle of Joy

Rejoice in the Lord always!  
Again, I say, rejoice!  
Indeed, the Lord is near!



O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

### Advent Prayer

I lift my heart up to you, Lord,  
to thank you for the blessings  
you shower on me each day.

You are the “joy of my soul”.  
I know that in your great love  
I am held and protected by you.

I pray and listen to the good news you send;  
I ask and feel the healing.

I am freed by you  
from the things in this world  
that let me hide from you.

I rejoice, I rejoice, down to my soul  
Help me to prepare my heart  
to be open and able to receive your immense Love!  
Amen.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec 23):

### Week 4 of Advent: Candle of Love



Loving God,  
It is growing in my heart;  
An awareness and gratitude of your constant love  
for me; to warm and comfort my life.  
Thank you for these weeks of prayer.  
In the spirit of the season, my waiting, my  
patience, feels sacred.

Dear 4B Families,

The third and last full week of Advent is upon us; and the change in color of the candles reminds us that our Savior is so near! The joy in the anticipation of that most Holy Night fills our hearts and souls. If we can pause for moments, take in the sights and sounds and make the connection of why we have all these wonderful traditions, our hearts will truly be glad in knowing all good comes from God!

That precious child brought into the world, known by many names, first called by the angels, “...for unto you is born this day...a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” Savior, the name which told of his mission and purpose in life. Emmanuel; “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel,” which means God with us. All the many names He is known by throughout scripture; all attest to the all important message of “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” And so we have joy in abundance knowing the greatest love and the greatest gift of this season!

This past week our crew enjoyed spending time with their buddies. Gingerbread house decorating and watching them sing in their concert. It is always heartwarming to watch how the fourth graders seem to grow up in front of your eyes as they show so much kindness, care, and joy being with their buddies! In the upcoming week, we look forward to our own concert and to leading the annual Christmas mass on Friday!

I wish you many more of these moments, with your child, as the season unfolds; for seeing the true and loving beauty of the season is more precious through the eyes of a child!

Warm Regards,  
Mrs. B

December Gospel Value: Community  
December Catholic Virtue: Generosity

# Now Boarding for our Learning Journey

## Long Term Assessments and Activities

### Planned Assessments for the Week:

Tuesday-Thursday will be presentations on Christmas Traditions

Thursday-Math Quiz

NO SPELLING THIS WEEK

### Destination: ELA

Readings of the season have been used to work on comprehension skills in both fiction and nonfiction. We have been working on going back into the text to cite evidence. The children will be reading about Ecosystems as a cross curricular activity with Science. This will give us foundation for our next novel, *Poppy*. Please plan on having your child's copy of *Poppy* in school by January 7 so we can begin our reading.

### Destination: Math

We have been working with numeric and nonnumeric patterns; the children have picked these up quickly. Moving to input/output boxes have posed a challenge but with practice they are understanding the overall concept and are doing well with practice. While we are practicing our division, along with the input/output boxes; I gave them challenge work with ordered pairs, which they did an amazing job with; I am very proud of them and the way they dig right into any challenge I offer them!

### Destination: Religion

While we enter this last week of Advent; the children have done a wonderful job keeping Christ in Christmas and observing Advent. In the upcoming week we will be spending more time sharing the story of Jesus' birth. We will also be working on more acts of holiday kindness. Finally, we will share our presentations on our Family Christmas Traditions.

Next Sunday we will light the fourth Advent candle, the candle of Love, reminding us that God's gift of His only Son to the world showed His great love for us! A little baby born in the most, humble way, who would be King of Kings, and who would win forgiveness and everlasting life for each one of us.

*During this last week of Advent,  
we quietly reflect on the mystery.*

*We rest in awe, in wonder,  
at how our God entered our world  
and came to be with us.*

*We pause to receive the gift offered us:  
that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and  
that Jesus will really come into our hearts.*

*May we have watchful hope today,  
believing what the Lord promises us.  
Let us pray today, that we might be God's  
servants, that we might be instruments of God's love for our families and all we serve this week. Amen.*

*Amen.*