



## HOPE

December 2018

Dear Parents,

We welcome the month of December with the first Sunday of Advent starting this weekend! I trust that everyone received many blessings for Thanksgiving and had some quality family time and rest as well.

December is one of my favorite times of the year. To celebrate Advent, we will be preparing to welcome baby Jesus. In religion, the children will learn about the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary and Jesus), and make connections to their own families. They will be learning and re-telling the Christmas story and we will be preparing gifts for our families and of course, for Jesus' birthday. Our Dramatic Play Center will be transformed into a winter wonderland equipped with a life size gingerbread house, Christmas tree etc.

### Language:

We will explore the letters "V" and "W", AND "M". I will also use this month as a reinforcement month as we go back to review letters and sounds taught thus far. Journal entries for

the month will include the themes: "What gift(s) can I bring to Baby Jesus" and "Good Deeds".

If anyone has old Christmas cards that you would like to donate to our writing center, we can definitely put them to good use.

Math/Science:

The children will work on sequencing as well as graphing. I will also be introducing comparing and ordering by size. In Science, we will explore basic items found in the kitchen like cinnamon, flour and dough.

Religion:

I have many fun activities planned for religion this month as we await Baby Jesus' birth. To start this most amazing holy month the children will be making individual stockings for Jesus. I will also be reinforcing good deeds in the classroom. Every time I catch someone acting nice, sharing, or helping others, I will be adding special notes to his or her stocking. Please help me at home by building on the concepts taught in school. Write down any acts of kindness or good deeds and send the list to school with your child to share with the class. I have found this to be a very positive Advent activity and working together between home and school is always wonderfully reinforcing. The children will be making individual nativities in class.

Special Activities:

We have many fun projects over the next few weeks.

You will see a few homework activities in your child's folder next week. I promise to only send home fun activities.

And... I am apologizing now for what is to lie ahead. Don't be surprised when your child comes home covered in glitter, Christmas paints, sequins, etc. We really get into the season!

I am asking each child to bring in a **SMALL SHOEBOX**. If you do not have a small shoe box, please let me know and I will try to see if I can reach out to the other classes.

We will be making gingerbread houses and I am looking for a few parents who would be interested in coming in to help. **In addition, if anyone has a fun activity that you would like to do with the class let me know. We love visitors.**

Finally, we will have a Christmas Assembly on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, the children will be participating in a live Nativity with Miss Helen and Miss Trish (our music teachers) and songs will follow. Please come and enjoy some refreshments, singing, and a visit with a very special guest to delight the child in us all!

May the love and peace of the infant Christ be with you as you prepare your home and family for his arrival!

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