

St. John Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter

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January 4 - January 8, 2010
Week Sixteen



Heart To Heart Teaching and Reaching For Jesus

Gathering Time:

- ♥ Theme: Epiphany
- ♥ South Pole

This week we will:

- ♥ Talk about Jesus receiving the Wiseman who came with their gifts.
- ♥ We will also begin exploring the South Pole and it's wintry terrain, as well as some of the animals such as penguins, seals, walrus', etc...

Jesus Time:

Theme: The Visit of the Wisemen

- ♥ Matthew 2:1-2; 7-12

During our time together we will talk about:

- ♥ The star that led the Magi on the very long trip to find Jesus, where they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Music and Movement

This week our children will enjoy:

- ♥ Their music time with Miss Kindschi.
- ♥ Music with instruments, lummi sticks and more....

Science Center:

Theme: Winter Weather

- ♥ This week our children will study about the changes on the earth through the season of winter and how it affects animals, plants, and people!

Math Center:

This week our children will continue to:

- ♥ Work in small group settings on a variety of assorted math centers around the room.
- ♥ Work one on one with Mrs. Gaede on math matching with numbers, shapes, and counting.
- ♥ Identify yesterday, today and tomorrow while doing the daily calendar.
- ♥ Begin working on months of the year as well as continue to work on days of the week.

Upcoming Dates

- ◆ Next chapel - January 7th and 8th Offerings: Pennies for Africa
- ◆ No School -
January 18th (Martin Luther King Day)
January 19th - (inservice training for all PS - 8th grade teachers) Please note this date is not a day off on the Preschool calendar. Please forgive the error!

Prayer for our year

Almighty God, heavenly Father you have blessed us with the joy and care of your children. As we work with these precious children, give us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them with joy and in love, following the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Language Arts Time



Using the Reading Street Curriculum;

This week our children will:

- ♥ Read *Whatever the Weather*.
- ♥ Build their vocabulary using their new amazing words; *weather, storm, cold, warm, snow, and bending*.
- ♥ Always work on the proper holding of writing tools and the printing of their names.

“Jesus loves the little children.”

Language Arts Cont....

- ♥ Complete work on the letter Nn from our last unit for our alphabet pocket.
- ♥ Work on the first letter in the letter **Rr** booklet, work on the Letter Rr paper tiles, and work with the practice alphabet boards in small groups.
- ♥ Begin “writing instructions” on the whiteboard pertaining to dressing for the weather, winter, cold, rainy, etc...
- ♥ Continue to practice writing their names legibly.

Notes & News & More....

A quick few notes:

- ♥ I have placed a letter in the mailboxes which is going home on Monday. But before you receive it, please know again how very thankful I am to each and every one of you for your very generous gifts to myself and to our preschool center. I am looking so forward to developing new units and building up many of my older units with the many Chalkboard gift certificates, (for me, going to the Chalkboard Store is like a child going to a toy store). I also cannot wait for our children to enjoy all our new balls in the gym. Wow what a year we will have thanks to all of you and your precious generous hearts. Thank you again!
- ♥ When your child is sick or will miss school, please call 630.668.0701 touch * 519 and leave me, Mrs. Gaede the message. I will call it in to the school office with the preschool absentee count. Thanks so much.
- ♥ There is no school on Monday, January 18th - Martin Luther King Day.
- ♥ Calendar change - There is No School on Tuesday, January 19th for an all staff PS - 8th grade in-service training. Please make note of these 2 days off in mid-January. Thank you.

January Birthdays;

PM Class - Hannah Bartlebaugh - December 31; We will celebrate Hannah’s birthday on Wednesday, January 6th.

AM Class: We will celebrate Evelyn Carlson - January 6 and Matt Kohl - January 14

January Chapel Schedule:

Thursday, January 7th at 8:45am/ Friday, January 8th at 12:45 pm (Our offering will be: Pennies for Africa)

Thursday, January 21st at 8:45am/ Friday, January 22nd at 12:45 pm (Our offering will be: Pennies for Africa)