

# K4B December 16<sup>th</sup> Newsletter

## This Week's Activities



**Math:** We reviewed the penny and its value. We practiced buying things using our pennies. Lesson 49 has a parent activity to practice this at home. This week we reviewed patterns. A pattern has something that repeats. We call it a repeating “chunk” –the part that repeats. Scholars should be able to identify and create an AB pattern. By the end of this quarter they should know how to identify and create an AB and an ABB pattern. We identified and showed the value of 9.

**Social Studies/Religion:** This week was the third week of Advent. We continue to prepare for the birth of Jesus by singing Advent songs and learning the Story of Christmas (The Nativity Story).

Each Monday we will read a version of the Nativity Story and we will pray before lighting the next candle on the Advent wreath.

We are also learning the Story of Christmas (The Nativity Story). Each day we will read a small book that tells one part of the story. After we read the book it hangs on our Christmas tree and we remove one link from our Christmas chain as we count down the days until Jesus’ birth. When your scholar removes their link it will be sent home in the Friday folder!

**Reading:** This week we identified the letter name and sounds of Yy and Zz, Y-y-y-yo-yo and Z-z-z-zebra.

**Social Studies:** This week and next week, we will identify and discuss national and cultural holidays that occur in December. This week we identified Christmas as a time to celebrate Jesus’s birth (and when Santa visits). I also introduced Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and La Posada. We identified Hanuakkah as the Festival of Lights, Kwanzaa as an African celebration of family, unity and values and La Posada as a party that reenacts the journey that Mary and Joseph took and celebrates the birth of Jesus.

**Art:** The scholars are working on a booklet called Joyful Celebrations that ties in with the national and cultural celebrations in December. The scholars are using their own handprints to create the images for the booklet. The booklet will be completed before Christmas break.

## Winter Wear

The weather continues to change from day to day so please make sure your scholar is prepared. We go outside every day unless it is below zero or it is raining. If there is any moisture-snow/slush outside please have your scholar wear their boots. Wet shoes in the classroom is not fun for anyone! If your scholar is not dressed for the playground conditions they will stand on the fence. When there is snow on the ground your scholar needs boots, snow pants, mitten/gloves and a hat to play.

\*Please make sure your scholar has a hat and weather-proof mittens (or gloves), a scarf is optional. (please label everything) 😊

\*Please make sure they wear boots when there is any type of moisture/snowfall and make sure they have shoes for in the classroom. If you find it would be helpful to leave the shoes at school just leave them in the hall as your scholar will exchange them for the boots. (please label everything) 😊

\*Please make sure your scholar has snow pants, even when there is no snow they add an extra layer of warmth! (please label everything) 😊

\*If you find it would be helpful to leave the snow pants at school for the week (they could be sent home on the weekend), **just write a note in your scholar's folder for me.** On Friday, I try to ask scholars if they have an extra pair of boots snow pants at home and if they tell me yes then I do not send home the snow pants/boots. A note will remind me to send home snow pants!

\*If snow pants can stay all winter, please let me know that! Thanks!!! 😊

## Paperwork coming home

Every Friday I send home all the activities the scholars have done this week. I try to include an explanation in the newsletter so you are aware of the learning goals of the activity.

\***Letter writing sheets- Letter Y and Z.** Your scholar is asked to write two of each letter, both upper and lower case. If there is time I will have them do more than two if they need more practice otherwise please practice at home as needed.

\***Religion:** Jesus the King of Kings cutting sheet and Lesson 23 from Alleu.

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**Have a great weekend! Mrs. Bauer**