

# K4B December 15<sup>th</sup> Newsletter

## This Week's Activities



**Social Studies/Religion:** This week we identified that this was the 2nd week of Advent.

On Monday's we read a version of the Nativity Story and we pray before lighting the next candle on the Advent wreath.

We are preparing for the birth of Jesus by singing Advent songs and learning the Story of Christmas (The Nativity Story). Each day we read a small book that tells one part of the story. After we read the book it hangs on our Christmas tree.

As a building we continue to add to our Jesse Tree. Everyday a bible verse is read, a symbol is shown and explained to tie into the bible verse and we end with a short prayer. We add the symbols to our Christmas tree.

**Math:** This week we practiced addition skills. We practiced adding using our fingers and different objects. I introduced reading and writing a math sentence, both vertically and horizontally  $5+3=8$ . Scholars identified the number 15.

**Reading:** This week we identified the letter name and sounds of Yy and Zz, Y-y-y-yo-yo and Z-z-z-zebra. Next week we will review all of the letters of the alphabet!!

**Reading/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.

### Paperwork coming home

\***Letter writing sheets-** scholars practiced writing the letters Y and Z.

\***Math sheets-**review and practice as needed.

\***Name writing samples-** I wrote about your scholar's progress in the daily folder 😊

## 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.** For morning recess we will not give scholars the option to put on snow pants, (it is a shorter length of time and it takes too long for everyone to bundle up that much) but for afternoon recess they will make the choice for themselves. (As the weather becomes colder/wetter with snow, morning recess will be indoor recess and we will only go out for lunch recess)

\*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.** No boots are allowed 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 make sure your scholar has snow pants, even when there is no snow they add an extra layer of warmth! Scholars were amazed that I wore my snowpants outside today! (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!!! 😊

## Sick Children

Although attendance is extremely important to the success of a scholar, we want to ensure that scholars are healthy. If a scholar has a fever, she or he should be free of the fever for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child is sick, please keep your child home. If your child is so uncomfortable, sleepy or otherwise distracted that he wouldn't be able to get anything out of school, it may be better to keep him home. If symptoms persist, contacting your physician is important. Remind your scholars to wash hands more frequently with soapy warm water especially after touching public surfaces, keep their hands away from eyes and mouth, cover mouth and nose into elbow when sneezing or coughing, drink plenty of liquids, and get to a full night's rest. Thank you!

**Enjoy the weekend! Mrs. Bauer**