

December 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was as wonderful and exciting as the one we experienced. It was a unique experience in "sharing" and "cooperation", culminating in a grand feast enjoyed by all. Of course, our celebration would not have been possible without strong parental support, assistance, and perseverance.

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ADVENT

Our main focus this coming month will be on the true meaning of Christmas and the current season of Advent. **Advent is a season of waiting and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.** The children have been told that we all must

prepare our hearts, as well as we prepare our Christmas trees for this joyous event. One way to do this is by sharing with others, who are less fortunate. We will be collecting food items and supplies for our own Holy Trinity Food Bank, which is our Faith in Action focus this year. We hope this will promote the concept of sharing and giving without expecting something in return.

In reading, we will be working on our sight vocabulary lists and strengthening our phonetic skills with practice in grade level readers that compliment the reading program. We will also begin to develop our writing skills into stories that are comprised of 3 to 4 sentences. In math, we will be working with one to one correspondence, number comparisons and set identification. In religion, we will, of course, focus on the birth of Jesus and the preparation we take during Advent to receive God's greatest gift to us. In science, the children will learn to differentiate between living and non-living things, which includes comparisons of plants, animals and changes in their growth cycles. The topics we will be exploring in social studies will include California symbols, Holidays around the World and the difference between wants and needs. As you can see, we have a lot to learn before our Christmas break at the end of the month.

A very important event to mark on your calendars is our school Advent program scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th in the **Church** at 6:00pm. The children are extremely excited about their participation in this event. We hope you will be able to attend and experience for yourself the warmth and spirit generated by your children in this wonderful program for Christmas. We ask that they wear festive, holiday clothing and they should sit with you in the church until it is time for them to perform. Please join us for this memorable event!



On Thursday, December 14th, we will be having a quiet class Christmas celebration for the children. The Room Moms will be contacting you soon for either assistance in the classroom or supplies need for this activity.

With the Christmas season upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous, healthy holiday season. "Jesus is more than words can express, for He is indescribable. He is the Word, the Creator, the God who dwelt among us, the Shepherd of our souls, and everything that is everlasting." I hope the message of Christmas will shine brightly in your hearts and homes to bring you lasting, peace, joy and love.

Merry Christmas,
Carol Ballard



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