

St. Mary School
Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas Play. Your children were wonderful! They worked very hard and were very excited and should be very proud of themselves.

We have been listening to and discussing many stories about the holiday season. The children have written letters to Santa and have helped decorate the classroom for Christmas. We have also been discussing the greatest gift to give at Christmas...the gift of love. The children have been encouraged to show acts of love and kindness toward others so they can give Jesus the love in their hearts on his birthday.

Center Highlights by Theme

Trees

- Listen to Evergreens are Green
- Listen to Froggy's Best Christmas and Christmas in the Country
- Organize trees by size
- Make an evergreen puppet and act out the corresponding poem
- Follow oral directions to decorate a Christmas tree

Christmas Play Day

- Listen and interact to Mother Hubbard's Christmas
- Dictate and illustrate favorite part of the Christmas Play
- Listen to Guess Who's Coming to Santa's for Dinner
- Estimate Christmas ornaments

Lights

- Interact with poem Five Little Candles
- Use correct number formation to write teen numbers
- Listen to Santa's Favorite Story and The Mouse Before Christmas
- Identify their Christmas wish and illustrate it
- Explore probability to complete the game *String of Lights*

Hanukkah

- Correspond numbers to amount of dots on dreidel
- Listen to and discuss Celebrating Hanukkah
- Recognize color words
- Listen to Latkes and Applesauce
- Finish patterns on Spin to Win dreidel paper
- Cooperate and follow directions to play dreidel game
- Make a menorah
- Sing *the Dreidel song* and *the Festival of Lights song*

Looking Ahead:

***Professional Day (No School)** - December 14th

***Polar Express Day** – December 16th - **See separate note**

***Advent Angels card due**- December 21st

***Prayer Service** - December 22nd

***No School (Day off from the play)** – December 23rd