

St. Mary School
 Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

It was such an exciting week in Kindergarten. The children loved making their gingerbread houses and were so excited to find out that Santa had visited our classroom while *we were on the Polar Express train*. It seems hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Star of the Week:

Max was our “Star of the Week”. He brought in a soccer medal, a tooth that he lost over the weekend, a Boston Red Sox bobblehead, a dog stuffed animal from his grandparents in Sweden, and his family. His favorite thing about being “Star of the Week” was being the line leader.

Learning Center Highlights by Theme

Gingerbread	Polar Express
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to two different <u>Gingerbread Man</u> stories • Understand positional words and follow directions to glue gingerbread people in the correct places • Listen to <u>Gingerbread Baby</u> • Recognize shapes on the gingerbread house • Create a Gingerbread House • Create a dot-to-dot Gingerbread Man • Follow directions to make a Gingerbread Glyph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience the story <u>The Polar Express</u> by getting tickets and pretending to take a ride on the train • Sequence the alphabet • Sequence numbers 1-25 • Measure trains using connecting cubes and seriate according to size • Identify the events and characters in the story • Arrange bells in order by size
<p>Nativity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interact with the books “Happy Birthday, Dear Jesus!” and “Jesus the Very Best Christmas Gift of All” • Create a Nativity scene • Listen to <u>Room for a Little One</u> and <u>This is the Star</u> • Identify correct number sequence by completing a dot-to-dot Mary and Jesus 	

Something special happened in our classroom:

This week, Michael’s aunt Julie came in as our Mystery Reader. She read Gingerbread Friends. It is a great story that went along well with Gingerbread Day.

Transitional Housing:

Thank you for your contributions to purchase gifts for Transitional Housing children. We were able to buy a tricycle, some trucks and sheets for our 4 year old boy. We were able to purchase a couple of outfits, dolls, books and a walking toy for our 11 month old girl. The children were very excited to see all of the gifts we were able to purchase for others in need.

Important:

We are sending your child’s pencil box home over vacation. Please go through the materials and replace any materials that need to be replenished.

- Your child needs more gluesticks
- Your child does not need more gluesticks

Looking Ahead: *Advent Angel cards are due Monday, December 21st*
 * Tuesday, December 22nd - Prayer Service – 1:30