



Nov. 30 - Dec. 4



Dear Parents,

December is here (Tues) and with it comes the season of Advent. It is the season of waiting and anticipation. *Advent* is our theme for this week. Adults can focus on waiting for four weeks. The preschoolers can not. One way to help manage children's feelings of anticipation and excitement is to have them participate in "mini-celebrations." In school we will enjoy the Advent season with a series of fun and meaningful activities. We will light the Advent candle each week and say a special prayer; we will hang Christmas ornaments on the hallway tree and again say a special prayer/blessing. We will decorate the tree in our room and we'll celebrate St. Nicholas Day. For this celebration we will see a video about St. Nicholas and the children will find a special treat in their shoe. (SHHH! It's a surprise!) Do you remember that old tradition?? P1 will be surprised on Thurs. and P2 and 3 on Fri.

Also there are many Advent and Christmas stories available at our school that I plan to read to the children throughout the season.

Our **color** of the month is **BLUE**. Our **shape** of the month is the **TRIANGLE**, and our **numbers** are **6 and 7**. Again please help me reinforce these concepts throughout the month.

OUTDOOR PLAY- We will not be going outside to play on a regular schedule now that it is colder and possibly snowy. When I decide it is a good week to plan to go out, I will send home a note ahead of time letting you know to bring outdoor playwear. That is when you will need to send boots and snow pants for your child.

*Our school is continuing to collect cans of yams to be distributed by the Salvation Army.

If you'd like to donate a can, we are still collecting.

*It was a beautiful night for the Parade of Lights. Thanks for your participation.

*Book orders due on Dec. 1. Add child's name to the order form.

*Please help me by helping your child to recognize his/her own name, not just the first letter but the full first name. We have worked quite a bit on this, and if your child is having some difficulty, please practice at home too. If he can recognize it, you may practice printing it correctly. Only the first letter should be upper case.



God's blessings to you as we focus on the school's theme "The Angel's Message" .

Mrs. Owens