



December News



"Miss" Tifani and "Miss" Lauren's Pre-K4 Class

December is always an exciting time in our classroom! We love to see the children's faces light up when they talk about Santa, decorations, and all of the other wonderful traditions. We also love emphasizing that Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas, the very special day in which we celebrate Jesus' birth. They truly love hearing and singing about Jesus' birthday, as well as playing with the nativity scene toys and puzzles. Please remember to help your child "light" his or her new Advent candle each Sunday. We will be doing the same in our classroom each Monday.

This Month

- **N week** – nativity, names, noodles, St. Nicholas,
- **Pictures with Santa** – Friday, December 8th
- **Christmas Concert in Church** – Wednesday, December 13th at 10am
- **Waiting for Jesus** – Advent is a time to wait, not quite time to celebrate...
- **A Time for Sharing and Giving** – What can we give Jesus for his birthday? Giving to those in need and sharing with others are ways that we can give to Jesus.

A busy month

In addition to working on letters M and N we will also be reviewing A-L since we're now half-way through the alphabet. We have several Christmas art projects planned and will send those home all at once at the end of the last full week. If you know your child will be absent due to travels or other plans, please let us know so we can plan accordingly. We want to send their Christmas projects home before the holidays arrive!

Last Month's Review

- **K is for kernel** – We pulled the husk off a fresh ear of sweet corn and saw that the kernels dried out after several days. We put dried indian corn in water and saw the shoots coming from many of the kernels a week later.
- **L is for leaves** – The children enjoyed sharing the leaves they brought to school. They inspected them in the Science Center after we discussed the various shapes, sizes, and colors.
- **M is for manners** – We continue to praise the children when they use great manners and remind them to use those magic words when they forget.

Grandparents Day Performance

The children did a FANTASTIC job of performing their songs. They all enjoyed the special time and delicious food with their grandparents in the Activity Center. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to help make the day so special for the children and their grandparents.