



# Kindergarten News December Edition



## Advent is a time of Waiting...

Advent is the theme in our room. We are waiting patiently for the birth of Jesus in our hearts. This year we are "lighting" the candles on our Advent wreath, and cutting loops off our chain to reach the Christmas star.

Thursday, your child will be bringing an at-home Advent project. Just a note about the project--this is part of their Religion grade. Monday, your child brought home

their very own Advent "wreath" banner, to help count down the weeks until Christmas. Each Monday, they should "light" one of the candles on the Banner. There is also an Advent prayer on the back, which we will be saying daily in class. It is a nice simple prayer

that your child could say every day or at least every Monday when lighting the candle. You will notice that lighting the candle is their homework assignment every Monday in December.



Oh, Jesus come,  
We wait for you.  
In everything we say and do!

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### Special Dates:

- ☉ Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Concert 6:30 P.M.
- ☉ Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: K5 Christmas Party!!
- ☉ Dec 21<sup>st</sup>-Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> : Christmas Vacation!
- ☉ Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>: School Resumes



## We are READERS!!

We have entered the exciting part of reading—BLENDING!! We have also read our first story Sal, a couple of week ago. From now on, if you haven't already, you should be keeping the Superkid books. Each one will contain a story that your child can read over and over. This is a great way to practice blending and to building your child's confidence in his/ her reading abilities! Each child will also bring home a list of our Superkids words to use to practice reading and blending. On these lists there will also be **Memory Words** (words that cannot be

sounded out and must be memorized). 5 minutes of practice each day will really help your child become more fluent in reading! Along with reading, we are working hard at writing words correctly. We are learning that the letters in words like to be close together, but words need spaces between them. Please encourage your child to do this when doing any writing assign-



Oh, the words  
we can read!!

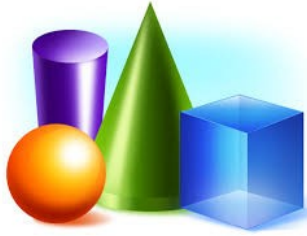
ments on the weekly homework. Practice makes perfect! Also, encourage your child to sound out the words as much as possible. I know this can be a real challenge for some children, especially at the beginning, but the more they try on their own, the more confident and independent they will become! Perfect spelling is not expected—I want the children to try to hear as many sounds as possible, and not worry so much if it "correct." Your hard work now will pay off in the long run!!

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# Shapes and Number, numbers and shapes!

We will be finishing our 3D shapes chapter within in the next week, and then will move on to comparing numbers. In our shapes chapters, we have learned these **plane (or flat) shapes**: circle, square, triangle, rectangle and hexagon. We have also learned these **solid shapes**: sphere (ball), cube (box), cylinder (can) and cone. Sometime this month, we will have



Solid shapes are fun and all around us!!

an **All-Class Show and Tell** with solid shapes. The Show and Tell slip will look very similar to our regular one, but will have a note explaining the Show and Tell on the front. As always, Show and Tell **must** be brought on Friday—if your child forgets to bring it, it cannot be brought on a different day.

We will return to working with numbers in our next chapter, when we work on **comparing numbers**.

This means we will be using the words: **more, less, greatest, least**. You can help your child gain a more concrete grasp of these terms by asking them questions at home about things in our house or when you are out and about—do you have *more* \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_? What do you have *less of*: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_? Sometimes these can be difficult concepts to grasp, so any help you can give your child at home will be very beneficial!!

## Our Night to Shine!

This year, our Christmas Concert is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. I will send a note home closer to the day letting you know what time

"There was a little baby, Oh my Lord, Way down in Bethlelem!"  
Wednesday,  
December 16th  
6:30 P.M.

the children should be in the classroom. This is an opportunity for them to look their cutest, so dress them up! The children are very

excited and have been working hard on the songs. We have begun practicing on the stage, which is very exciting! It should prove to be a night to remember!

## Party Time!!

The last day of school before vacation is our Christmas party. Our Room Moms, Mrs. Reesman and Mrs. Shannon have begun organizing our party. If you are interested in helping with the celebration, please let one of us know. I know that we can use all the Mom's or Dad's we can get! It is a



Come one and all to help

very fun afternoon (our party will be from approximately 11:00-3:00 P.M.), filled with games, projects and lots of fun! Please consider joining us for this fun time, you won't be sorry you

did! The only requirement for joining us is completion of Safe-guarding God's Children. If you have any questions about this class, please let me know, or call Mrs. MacDonald or Kathy in the office.

# Mary Poppins!

On Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, we are going to see *Mary Poppins*, with St. Mary's, put on by the Racine Theater Guild. We have to leave very early—all children must be in school ready to leave no later than



8:00 A.M. All children will also need to bring a bag lunch that day, since we will return after our lunch time. Please make sure your child eats a good breakfast that day, and since we are going to the theater, I am asking

all children to dress nicely (as the weather allows). Thank you to Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Delgado for joining us. If you were not chosen for this trip, we will be going to see another play in February, and I will again be looking for chaperones!!

## Miscellaneous important information!

- Just a reminder that you need to send a note or email if there are changes to your son or daughter's end of day routine.
- We have had a very mild winter so far. Children only need to bring boots/snowpants when there is snow on the ground. If we don't have snow, we don't need boots!!
- If you have any questions please

feel free to email, call, or stop in and see me.

- We have library every Tuesday. Many times the children share their library book with the class; if they don't have their book, then they cannot share or check out a new book. Please make sure your child's book is in their backpack by Tuesday morning! Thank

you!

- Please try to keep track of your child's snack day, so no one is sad to miss their day. Also, a reminder that we have an allergy to artificial dyes. An FYI: most of Aldi's snacks are dye-free!

Mrs. Salmins :)