



PRESCHOOL NEWS—DECEMBER 17, 2007

Dear Preschool Parents,

This is it! It is amazing to both Mary Lou and me that we are already to the third week of December. Your children are such a blessing and we enjoy each and every day we meet with them here in preschool. This will be a busy week so hang n...here we go...

MONDAY: The a.m. children will be meeting with Fr. Jim for our Advent preparation. They are anxious to tell him about our "birthday gift" for Jesus which is our box filled with all of their kind deeds carefully detailed by all of you. Both the p.m. and a.m. children will visit the library and be able to check out a book. Please keep it in their back pack or if you can, return it prior to our holiday break. Everyone has done a fabulous job returning books. Thanks!

WEDNESDAY: Both a.m. and p.m. children will be celebrating in our classroom Jesus' birthday. During their time in school we will finish up our gifts for all of you, open our final Advent Box in the chapel, have a pinata in Spanish (please send candy if you can), and head over to church to place our gift in front of the altar and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. It is a wonderfully packed day...there will be no need to send any outdoor wear on this day as we will be busy inside all day long.

On a final note for this very special day...Jesus' helper St. Nicholas, otherwise known as Santa Claus, (a.k.a. Chad Bocian, Maddie's dad, a.m. class) will be surprising the children with a visit. If you would like to join us at the end of our day to see your child sit on his lap please feel free to do so. The preschool door will be unlocked early for this special event. St. Nick will visit the a.m. children at 10:30 and the p.m. children at 2:45. Last but not least, if you would like to send a treat for the class to eat in school or as a take home, please feel free to do so. Don't forget Christmas Vespers are on Wednesday at 7:00 in the church.

FRIDAY: The p.m. children do not have school on this day as there is an 11:00 all school dismissal. The a.m. children will be attending the all school mass at 9:55. We will have a quiet morning prior to mass and then head over to church. Parents of the a.m. children please feel free to join us for mass, meet us in the classroom no later than 9:45. P.M. Parents and students, you too are welcome to join us, we sit in the first three pews in front of the altar and you are welcome to join us there prior to the start of mass. School adjourns on Friday (12/21) for the Christmas vacation break. We will resume school on Friday, January 4th. On our first day back, I will be sending home the center/snack schedule for the month of January. Look for it in your child's folder. Another week has passed by and we continue to delight in the growth and development of your children. They returned from Christmas break ready to be back and eager to learn. This is always my favorite time of year as your children begin to show they are turning the "corner on kindergarten". They seem to do more, know more, and show more self confidence. It is such a joy to behold.

Center helpers begin this week. Please again remember that if you cannot make your scheduled time, just notify either Mary Lou or myself. There is no need for you to find a replacement. If you cannot remember your scheduled day, the calendar for January is posted right outside the classroom door.

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