



December Newsletter 2024

For unto us a child is born, Unto us a Son is given.

If you look for Me at Christmas,
You won't need a special star-
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me
Amid the celebrations-
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment from your list
of things to do,
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came.
And you'll find Me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.
Love,
Jesus

December Fingerplay

This is baby Jesus, sleeping in the hay.
Wrap him in swaddling clothes,
He's warm and snug that way!
Here's his Mother Mary,
And this is Joseph too.
Watching as He's sleeping-
I'm glad He came...aren't you?



Our feasting month was only the beginning of the special events to come! We're so grateful for our wonderful families, and all of the time and funds you have given in support of an excellent education. We hope each of you had a relaxing and joyful Thanksgiving! The children will have all kinds of Christmas excitement as we work on special crafts, participate in songs and movements, and learn about the reason for the season-JESUS! These next few weeks will pass quickly, but we hope everyone takes the time to involve their child at home with family traditions and preparations. As you purchase those special gifts, please keep in mind: non-violent toys, books to grow on, and games to share with siblings or family. Our hope for each family is to enjoy the season without the anxieties it brings, and to realize God's love, and the Hope we found when he sent his son Jesus!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our Fundraiser, your generosity has blessed us so much!

Thanks to our top sellers:

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| 1. Charlie Colucy | 5. Reagan Paige |
| 2. Robby Zanko | 6. Max Handy |
| 3. Atlee Stecker | 7. Joel Jackson |
| 4. Hudson Luli | |

Special Dates to Remember

St. Nicholas Day

Thursday/Friday December 5/6

The children will learn about the kindness of St. Nicholas today, and they may even find treats in their shoes! (Shh!) Some of the MWF classes will receive the name of their Secret Santa today, as we learn about giving. Those in secret Santa classes: Please help your child choose and make a homemade gift for their secret santa, to be brought and exchanged on the day of their Christmas Party. We feel it is important to involve the child in choosing and making a gift for their classmate, to shift their focus away from all the things they will **GET**, and to fully experience the true joy of giving!

Polar Express Day

Monday/Tuesday December 16/17

We love Polar Express Day! Everyone will come in their jammies today, and we will enjoy a day of fun, complete with treats and Christmas movies. We hope they always hear the ringing of the bell.

Christmas Parties

Thursday/Friday December 19/20

Children arrive at 9:00 as usual. If you are a parent helping with this party, you may come back at 10:00. Secret Santa classes will bring their Secret Santa gift today, for a gift exchange before the party.

Christmas Break

There will be no school from **December 23-January 3.**

Classes will resume on Monday January 6.

We wish you all a joyful Holiday season, and a Happy New Year! See you in 2025!!

Reminders

- Snow days: If Lake is on any kind of weather delay—our school will not be in session. Please check your correspondence in the morning, if you think the weather is bad—your teacher will confirm with you whether we have school or not. If Lake cancels, then we are canceled as well. It will be posted on ClassDojo and FB if we cancel.
- Tuition is due by the 5th of each month. If the payment is late, a \$25 late fee will be added to the payment. Please put any checks in your child's folder, in the plastic page protector. **If you are on the ½ year payment plan, the second payment is due January 5th.**
- Our tax ID # is: 82-414-9805
- Please practice with your child "dressing for winter". Putting on their own coats and accessories, zipping and snapping. The best way to learn independence is to practice!