

December 12 - December 16

Theme: Family Traditions

Prayer: Thank You, God, For Loving Me
When I Do The Things I Should.
Thank You, God, For Loving Me
Even When I'm Not Good.
Thank You, God, For Loving Me! Amen



Bible Verse : "God loved us and sent His Son." John 3:16

Reminders: If you have not let me know how many from your family will be attending the Christmas program, please do so immediately. We will begin setting up chairs Monday and would like to ensure that there is enough seating for everyone. The Christmas program is on Wednesday December 14 at 6:30 in the gym. The children should arrive in the classroom between 6:15 and 6:25. The boys will be Shepherds and the girls will be angels so the children should be dressed in their "Sunday best". Please send in with your child a wrapped book for the book exchange by Tuesday December 13. We will be exchanging the books during our class party. The book should be no more than two or three dollars and appropriate for either a boy or a girl.

Science: We will discuss the fact that shiny things reflect light while dull items do not reflect light well. The children will then sort shiny and dull Christmas objects such as tinsel, jingle bells, ribbon, and wrapping paper. The children will be encouraged to use flashlights to determine whether the items reflect light well.

Art: The class will create ornaments using tissue paper, a December calendar, color a polar express train, and paint with Christmas shaped cookie cutters.

Math: The children will use gingerbread man erasers as a unit of measure to determine the height of a gingerbread man picture. Using Polar express learning mats the class will trace numbers 1-20. Using Santa learning mats the class will match numbers 1-20.

Language Arts: Using polar express learning mats the class will trace upper and lower case ABC's and Christmas words.

Dramatic Play: The class will pretend to ride the Polar Express train. The children will decorate our class Christmas tree, recreate the nativity, and create a winter snow scene.

Computer: The class will be playing the living book "The Berenstain Bears"

A few of the books we will enjoy this week are:

"The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg

"Mouse's first Christmas" by: Lauren Thompson

"Listen to the Silent Night" by Dandi Mackall

"Is it rough? Is It Smooth? Is It Shiny?" by Tana Hoban

"Arthur's Christmas" by Marc Brown

Songs and Poems:

The children will be practicing songs for their Christmas program which will be on December 14.

Dates to remember:

December 14: Christmas Program (in the gym) 6:30 p.m. Please bring a finger food or dessert to share. Children should be in the classroom no later than 6:25 p.m.

December 16: Class party.

December 17: Parent's night out. Free! 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Register by December 9th.

December 19-20: School closed. Parents Morning Out open 9:00am - 1:00p.m. Reservations required. Infant room \$25.00 per child, Preschool room \$23.00 per child.

December 19 - January 2: School closed for Christmas break.

January 3: School re-opens.

Scholastic Book Orders: Parents can go to www.scholastic.com; access the "Parents" tab and view the current flyers available. Parents may order online with our access code and the books will be delivered to the school. Our access code is DXC44.

