



# St. James Kindergarten Newsletter

November 27 - 30<sup>th</sup>

## Important Christmas Reminder:

Kindergartners are participating in two Christmas concerts. The Kindergarten-only Christmas concert will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the O'Brien Room. The whole school Christmas concert will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Students should wear red and green the day of the concert; girls are allowed to wear a dress if they choose.

## Favorite Read Alouds:

Santa's Favorite Story by Hisako Aoki

No, David! by David Shannon



## Highlights:



1. Kindergartners constructed Advent wreaths using dot paint, paper plates, and purple and pink paper candles. They learned that the candle order is purple, purple, pink, purple. We discussed that this Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent which truly starts the Christmas season and how we need to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.
2. Students were introduced to *6 + 1 Traits of Writing* with the story No, David! by David Shannon. After the story, the teacher read sentences to students that contained good or naughty things David did. Students had to hold up a sentence strip that said, "Yes, David" or "No, David" according to the given sentence.
3. Kindergartners read a HFW book and focused on the word *look* by highlighting it and whisper reading it. They read it with a peer/teacher/group before working on their fine motor skills as they colored the pictures.

Jolly Phonics: *er, ar, aw*

High Frequency Words: *up, look, stop*



## Upcoming Events:

-Mon. Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pizza with a Purpose \*send a beverage

-Weds. Dec 6<sup>th</sup> - Santa's Workshop in AM

-Fri. Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Special Lunch \*send a beverage

-Mon. Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - Spiritwear day

-Weds. Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Christmas program 10AM in O'Brien Room

-Thurs. Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - SJS Christmas program in PC 2:00pm

-Fri. Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - Early dismissal 11:30am

## Christmas Show:

If you are attending the Kindergarten Christmas concert on December 19<sup>th</sup>, please note that the classes will be standing in this order from left to right:

Ryan, Resch

You will want to sit on the side of the O'Brien that is closest to your child.

Due to limited space and seating, we encourage families to invite grandparents and other relatives to our all school concert on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 this year. We encourage Kindergarten families to have 2 guests at the Kindergarten concert! Also, we have to ask for no strollers. Thanks for helping us with the limited space in the O'Brien room for safety reasons.

Students will need to wear either green or red for the concert, please be on the lookout for appropriate clothing as you're shopping!

## Weekly Curriculum:

Math: During calendar time we continue to create math sentences as we add up to 10. They students are really catching on and easily using their number line to create an addition sentence! (3+7=10)

Reading & Writing: We finished Jolly Phonics sounds and learned: *er, ar, aw*. We can now hear a lot more letters and sounds in simple words that we read and write! Students created their last set of Jolly Phonics cards, too and practiced those with a partner/teacher.

Phonics/Blue book: Kindergartners listened to a beginning and an ending of a word to put them together to make a whole word (w + ax=wax. P + ill=pill). They also emphasized the ending sounds in words (ie: sad "d", sun "n").



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