



St. James Kindergarten Newsletter

December 3rd - 7th

Conversation starters:

Who is in the Holy family?

Tell me a word with: ou/ow,
th/th, er, ar, or, aw sounds in
it.

How many candles are in the
Advent wreath? What's their
order?

Can you sing me a song
from your Christmas show
collection?

What is 1+4, 2+1, 5+3...?

Favorite Read Alouds:

The Jacket I Wear in the Snow by
Shirley Neitzel

God Gave us Christmas by Lisa Tawn
Beraren



Highlights:



1. Advent has officially started and we lit the first purple candle on our Advent wreath and reiterated how it is the season of waiting for Jesus' birth. We also read from the Bible, from the Gospel of Luke, when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. Kindergartners also made their own nativity scene ornament that showcase Mary, Joseph and Jesus.
2. Students used their high frequency word knowledge to decorate Christmas trees! They spelled each word out using colored stickers and placed them onto their trees in the correct order.
3. We participated in the Santa Shop; it was fun browsing and purchasing surprise gifts for our family!

High Frequency Words: *it, work, want*



Upcoming Events:

-Fri. Dec 14th – Special Lunch; send in beverage

-Mon. Dec 17th – Spiritwear day

-Weds. Dec 19th – Kindergarten Christmas program 10AM in O'Brien Room

-Thurs. Dec 20th – Whole school Christmas program 2:00PM in Parish Center

-Fri. Dec 21st – Early dismissal 11:30am; no bus service

Christmas Concert Reminder:

The Kindergarten-only Christmas concert will be held on December 19th at 10:00 AM in the O'Brien Room. The whole school Christmas concert will also be held on December 20th at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Students should wear red and green; girls are allowed to wear a dress if they choose. Please note that the classes will be standing in this order from left to right:

Ryan, Resch

Due to limited space and seating, we encourage families to invite grandparents and other relatives to our all school concert on December 20th 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.

Weekly Curriculum:

Reading & Writing: For 6+I Traits, we listened to The Jacket I Wear in the Snow. Kindergartners then wrote their own sentence about what they wear in the snow and focused on sentence structure. We shared our writing with a teacher/peer/whole class.

Kindergartners also created another HFW journal page for *want*.

Math: Kindergartners have begun to solve simple addition problems on their own. Students used manipulatives such as Christmas ornaments, other students are able to use mental math strategies and count up in their heads or use a number line. They read their addition sentence and added that many ornaments to their felt tree and counted their sum before recording it. Students are encouraged to use methods that work best for them.

Religion: Since it is the Advent season, during the whole school prayer & pledge, we sing, *O' Come, O' Come, Emmanuel*:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

The kindergartners are enjoying listening/singing along.



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