



Dear Parents,

I can't believe it is December and the Advent Season. Advent is a time we wait and prepare for Christmas and the coming of Jesus. During this time, we try to fill our hearts with love by doing the things God wants us to do. Then, we will truly be ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

During Advent, the Kindergarten students will be participating in a Service project for the St. John's Helping Hands Organization. This project will help families in our own parish who are in need this Christmas. If you want to participate, fill out the participation form that was sent home on Monday, and I will send a note card listing an item that is needed.

Gifts need to be wrapped and returned to school by Thursday, Dec. 15th! Thank you so much for helping us with our service project.

This month's Superhero word for the month is "Empathy" Empathy is the ability to understand someone else's needs and share their feelings. November's word was "Compassion". Congratulations to Emily Derner for being Compassionate this past month!

I am sending the **December Pizza Hut Reading Club form**. Don't forget to read 10 books this month. It is a busy month! However, take time to read some holiday books. It will be fun for you!!! Papers are due Tues. Dec. 20th!
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Dress Code: Just a quick reminder since the weather has gotten colder: students may wear **white** long sleeve shirts **under** their school shirts. However, they may not have hoods. Girls may wear navy, white or black tights with their skirts.

NO leggings or boots are allowed.

During December we will study the following:

READING/PHONICS:

Week 1: Review Letters & Sightwords.
Oral Assessment.

Week 2: Unit 2 Written Assessment.
Letter Sound Test. Sightword Test.

Capital/Lowercase Letter Test.

Week3: Short/a/ sound in medial position of words.

Sightwords: come, me

MATH:

Making shapes on Geo-boards, AB/ABB patterns, Printing #0-12, counting groups of objects up to 12, graphing, counting pennies, counting dimes, and ordinal position.

HANDWRITING:

Identify and print various capital and lowercase letters that match the letter of the week.

Practice printing last names.

RELIGION:

****We will talk about Advent.** We will read various books telling us about the journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem to the stable where Jesus was born.

****The Saint of the Month will be St. Nicholas.** His feast day is Dec. 6. We will read all about him and color a picture of him to include in our Book of Saints.

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Important Dates in December:

Dec.6: St. Nicholas Day

Dec.8: Holy Day. SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION!

Dec.14: Christmas Concert 7 pm. (K-3 students)

Dec.15:Christmas Gifts for Helping Hands due today

Dec. 19: Grand Raffle Drawing—Prize \$5000

be sure to buy your ticket

Dec.20: End of 2nd Quarter—Jeans Day

Parties—11:30 Dismissal

Dec. 21– Jan.2 Christmas Break

Jan. 3: Classes Resume.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Ruth Wissmann

