



## Welcome December and Advent Season!

# December

This truly is the most wonderful time of the year and we are so blessed to have to opportunity to share it with you and your family. We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and enjoyed your time home with your family. We had so much fun in November making our turkeys and painting with fall colors. We had some sensory fun with pumpkins and Indian corn too. Be sure to check out the pictures we posted on our bulletin board.

We have lots of fun activities planned for the months of December and January. We will start in December with Christmas and advent themed art and sensory projects. We will be talking about the meaning of Christmas as well as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, The Holy Family. As I'm sure you have already noticed we have started playing our Christmas music and will work on learning some of the words while dancing and ringing our bells. In January, our focus will shift to the winter season. We will be doing sensory activities and art work to help learn about winter colors and how winter is different from the other seasons.



On December 6<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual parent appreciation night from 5:30pm until 9:00pm. This is a night for us to provide care for your child for free as our gift to you. We will be feeding them chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese and green beans. Also, if you would like to bring their pajamas, I will get them cleaned up and ready for bed before you come to get them. Please let us know in advance if your child will be attending so we may plan for appropriate staffing.

SHECC will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas and on December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Year. We will be sending home all our gifts and artwork the week before Christmas so if you are not planning on attending the full week, please be sure to let me know so we can send your child's things home early.



As most of you already know, Ms. Monic is our new lead teacher in the two-year-old classroom and Ms. Becca had taken her place in our room. As most of you also already know, Ms. Becca has accepted a new job in the phlebotomy field. We are very happy for both ladies, but will miss them in our room greatly. I don't have

a permanent replacement yet, but for the month of December, Ms. Jennifer France will be back with us as she is on winter break from school.

I'm sure you have all noticed that we have split our room and made some minor changes to our schedule. The children seem to be really enjoying the smaller group sizes so far and we teachers have too. We are still making minor changes to the schedule to get it just right but as soon as it is set, we will be sending home a copy to each family.

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday break and may the spirit of Christ fill your holiday season with joy and thankfulness.

Ms. Jennifer S.

Ms. Kristi

Ms. Sandy

Ms. Jennifer F.