

## VPK and Wrap Around

Happy New Year to our amazing children and families. For the beginning of January, we will finish our Christmas lesson/unit with the celebration of the three kings. In fact, many children around the world finish Christmas this way by the end of January  $6^{th}$ , which is the Feast of the Epiphany. We will then end out the celebrations by making a "Kings cake" or "Rosco' de Reyes" which is the catholic tradition globally of celebrating the three kings. Then the children will all get a treat from "La Befana".

In the middle of January, we will start up the study of winter, cold, bears, penguins, and hibernation. We will be making a life size igloo out of one-gallon milk and water jugs. Through this experience, the children will have a better, more tangible idea of how others live in other parts of the world. This exploration and discovery will cover science (the properties of ice), creativity (skill of building) and math (counting out the materials needed to build).

The Early childhood education domains we are highlighting are ...

- 1. Approaches toward Learning: This is cultivating persistence by encouraging your child to follow through on a task, giving them the time and space needed to work independently through problems, even tasks as simple as stacking building blocks.
- 2. Cognition and General Knowledge: This is the components in details about the world in which we live in and the processes of how things work. Our Bible and scripture we go to church on Tuesdays with Sister Donna. We study Discovering God's World. (Unit 2: "God's gift of our world" Bible curriculum)

I would like to remind our families to please remember a jacket for our little ones as the weather will get cooler. Please put their name in them just in case the jackets are lost or go home with someone else.



Important dates are ...

Catholic school's week is January  $28^{\text{th}}$  - February 1, 2019. We will have many exciting activities planned around the week.

January  $21^{s+}$  Is MLK our school is closed. January  $25^{+h}$  is "Wear Orange Socks" day to honor the Kumquat festival.

Thank you for all you do. Thank you for trusting us with your children. You can always call us for any reason or pull us aside. We really are here for you and your child.

Love in Christ.

Mrs. Ida

Ms. Riley

Ms. Heather