

# December

December, what a wonderful, heartwarming time of year when everyone is a little bit nicer, a little bit more charitable, a little quicker to smile and a little quicker to give a helping hand. I pray that each of us continues with our "Christmas Spirit" through out the upcoming year.

Parent Appreciation Night is December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. This is our gift to our wonderful families. We will keep the children until 9:00 pm so that you have a chance to Christmas shop, have a date night or just relax. Dinner of Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese and Green Beans will be served with cookies and milk for a snack. All registered children of Sacred Heart ECC are eligible to attend. Unregistered siblings may attend for \$10.00 each. If you are planning to have your children attend, please sign up in advance.

The Christmas Program of the VPK children will be on December 11, 2019 at 6:45-8:30 pm in the Church. Children, dressed in church attire, should arrive by 6:30 at the School Building. Parents may then go to the church to be seated. There will be a reception of punch and cookies immediately following the program in the School building. All cookie donations should be dropped off no later than Wednesday.

Please join us on December 20, 2019 for Cookies and Carols in your child's classroom. The VPK children will have their Christmas Around the World Parties on this day at 9:30 am.

Please see your child's teacher for information about party times.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Blessings,

Ms. Cindie



## Infants

It is getting a little cooler outside. Please make sure to send a spare set of warm clothes and socks with your children! The children love the brisk morning buggy rides (after the weather warms up a bit). I cannot believe it is Christmas time again. Where does time go? We hope everyone enjoyed our Thanksgiving luncheon. We appreciate you coming to join us.

We will be making angel ornaments for the Christmas card on the track, so when you are out walking you can enjoy it. The babies will be making lots of stuff for Mom and Dad to help decorate their tree at home.

A favorite Christmas book to read to the children is "Room for a Little One" by Martin Waddell. This is a beautiful story about the night Jesus was born in the stable and how all the animals made room for "a little one". Consider getting a copy for your children at home to read every year.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

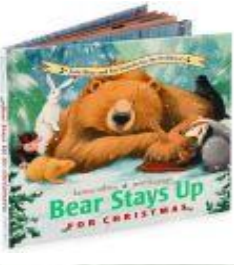
Ms. Linda    Ms. Maryanne    Ms. Jennifer    Ms. Amanda

## ***Ones***

The year has just been flying by and now we are coming into December. It is starting to cool down outside and the children have been enjoying the cooler weather during our outside time. In November we talked about family and Thanksgiving. We made turkey handprints which the children had so much fun doing. The children were also excited to paint with brown, orange, red, and yellow paint. Everyone really enjoys the art activities.

During the month of December, we will be doing some Advent activities such as making an Advent wreath with the children. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus. The children will be making a fingerprint Christmas tree. We will be using red and green paint throughout the month of December. Everyone will be making a stocking. The children painted the stockings red. They also got to glue cotton balls on their stockings.

The children really enjoy reading books! It is one of their favorite things to do right now when we are sitting on the floor with the children, they will bring us books to read to them. I have some special Christmas books that we will be reading throughout the month of December. One of their favorite books right now to read is Ten Little Gingerbread Men. Here are some of the other titles that we will be reading throughout the month of December: Merry Christmas Maisy, Llama, Llama Holiday Drama, Bear Stays up for Christmas, That's not my Reindeer.



Thank you for our monthly snack and wipe donations! We hope that during the month of December will be enjoyable for everyone and we hope everyone has a blessed Christmas!

Here are some special dates to remember:

December 20th: Cookies and Carols @ 3:30

December 24-25th & January 1<sup>st</sup> SHECC will be Closed

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms. Katie

Ms. Katelynn

Ms. Amanda

Ms. Tiffany

# Terrific Two's December News

Welcome December and Advent Season! 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 have lots of fun activities planned for the month of December. 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 we have started playing our on learning some of the words bells.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> we will be appreciation night from 5:30pm us to provide care for your child will feed them and if you would will get them cleaned up and

## *This Month's Dates to remember:*

-December 5<sup>th</sup>-Parent appreciation night

-December 20<sup>th</sup> ugly sweater day and classroom Christmas party 3:30 to 4:30.

-December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – Closed in observance of Christmas

## A Friendly Reminder...

-Please check your child's basket to make sure they have at least two sets of weather appropriate clothes.

- Please remember your monthly diaper wipe donations. We ask that you donate at least two packs of wipes each month especially this time a year when noses are icky.

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appropriate staffing and food.

SHECC will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas. If your child is part time and those are one of their regularly scheduled days you do have the option of making it up on Monday, Thursday, or Friday. I just ask that you let me know as

soon as you decide so that we can be of work before the holiday will be plan to send home all the children's made on that day.

wonderful Christmas break, and may holiday season with joy and

expecting them. My last day Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> so I artwork and gifts they have

We hope you all have a the spirit of Christ fill your thankfulness.



Ms. Jen

Ms. Sandy

Ms. Ashley

Sr. Donna



## Preschool IA

### December brings Advent and Christmas!

Advent is a time of waiting and anticipation. Each week we will be "lighting" a candle in the advent wreath and discussing the meaning behind it. We will also be reading about the birth of Jesus, making Christmas Trees, ornaments and a special gift for you. Oops, the gift was supposed to be a secret!

**Thursday, December 5, 5:30-9:00pm: Parent Appreciation Night** This is a night to go out to dinner, catch a movie or do some Christmas shopping while we take care of your children. This free time is a gift to you! We will serve chicken nuggets, green beans and macaroni and cheese for dinner. There will be fun activities and crafts for the children to do. Let me know if you will be participating in this event.

**Friday, December 20, 3:00pm: Cookies and Carols Celebration**  
During our Christmas Unit, we will be learning a several songs about the birth of Christ. You and your family are invited to come listen to the children sing and then share some cookies with us. This is a casual event where I will invite you to sit on the floor and participate.



**Dates School will be CLOSED: Tuesday, December 24th  
Wednesday, December 25th Wednesday, January 1st**

**December Self-Help Focus** The self-help skill for December is putting socks and coats on by themselves. Please try to encourage your children to do these tasks at home also.

**Note:** We provide spoons, forks and napkins at lunch and snack so there no need to send them from home. Also please check your child's bin to be sure that they have seasonally appropriate and correctly sized clothing.

Miss Jess, Miss Nicole and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

## **Pre-School I B**

**December news** As December is coming upon us, we are finishing our farm unit. The children really enjoyed learning about the different animals that live on farms and learn about the vegetables that you can grow in a garden.

During the month of December, the children will be learning that Christmas day is Jesus's birthday, and why we celebrate advent.

The children have been making great progress with their toileting skills. Please remember to dress your child in elastic waist clothes to make it easier for your child to pull their pants up and down. Please keep in mind that the weather is changing every day, please bring your child a jacket to keep in their basket.



**Important dates:** Thursday December 5th 5:30-9:00pm: parent appreciation night This is our gift to you. This is your night to get your Christmas shopping done, go out to dinner, while we care for your child. We will serve the children chicken nuggets, green beans and macaroni and cheese for dinner. There will be activities and crafts for the children to do. Please let me know if your child will be attending.

**Friday December 20th @ 3:00pm: Cookies and Carols Celebration**

During our Christmas unit the children will be learning a variety of songs about the birth of Christ. You and your family are invited to come listen to the children sing and share some cookies with us.

**SHECC will be CLOSED ON Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Ms. Victoria**

**Ms. Ashley**

**Ms. Barbara**



## Pre-School II

Dear Families,

We hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends! December is upon us and the school year is half gone. This month we will be talking about Christmas, Advent, and winter. In this busy month, we enjoy talking about the birth of Jesus, celebration, and tradition. We talk about families, friends, love, giving and sharing.

We are lucky to have families from a variety of different cultures who celebrate different holidays. Our colors for the month will be red, green, and silver, and we will be doing lots of holiday artwork with these colors, as well as many sensory and fine motor projects.



Reminder: This is the time to check that your child has spare clothes for accidents, there is a good chance that they have grown out of what you brought, or they are not weather appropriate.

### Important Dates

**December 5:** Parent Appreciation Night.

**December 20:** Class Christmas party

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Miss Eloisa    Miss Natalie    Miss Emma



## V.P.K with Wrap

Welcome December! It is difficult to believe that this year is almost over. This month we will be learning all about Advent and the birth of Jesus Story. As we move closer to Christmas, we will be taking a closer look at the true meaning of Advent. We will also expand and extend our learning and learn about Christmas in other countries.

The first week of Advent, we will be discussing the light of hope. The Prophets had the light of hope when they were looking for Jesus. We will be learning all about that Jesus brought peace and love to the world.

The second week of Advent, we will be talking about the dark night. This is when Joseph and Mary were looking to find light in a warm stable.

The third week of Advent, we will be learning and reminded of the love and Joy that surrounds the shepherds and the birth of Jesus Christ.

The fourth week, of Advent, is all about the star which guided the three wise men to the stable. We will be marking the passage of time during the fourth week of Advent.

Our Christmas around the world is the study of how other children celebrate Christmas. The children pick a country to learn about at home. The day of our class party, the children bring a poster reflecting the country of study. The children may dress up in that culture of dress and bring a food from that country. There will be sign-up sheet by the sign in and sign out book. Our class will be learning about gift giving, we will be making cookies, ornaments, cards.



The children will still be cooking with Sister Donna. The children just adore her company and she is wonderful at using her cooking creativity with the children. We are in church with Sister Donna on Tuesdays learning about God. Sister Donna does a great job explaining the bible to the children. Our Bible curriculum is Discover Gods World and Bright Beginnings.

Our Early childhood Education domain this month will be the Cognitive and general Knowledge. This is where there is reflection of the child's ability to solve problems. This domain also includes early mathematics and early science development.

Thank you for all for the snack donations that you have brought for the children to share. They love the variety.

Important dates for December:

1. 12/11/19 Christmas Program at 6:45 pm and cookie party to follow.
2. 12/13/19 Saint Lucia day
3. Class party 12/20/19 (this is where the children dress in Christmas colors or a representation of their Christmas country.)



Love in Christ,  
Ms. Ida & Ms. Cindie

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*“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because, he will save his people from their sins”.*

Mathew 1:21

## VPK II

Dear Families,

Peace be with each and every one of you! We are so grateful for our children and their families and would like to extend our gratitude for your kindness and generosity.

In the month of December, we will focus on receiving Jesus into our hearts and minds as we celebrate Christmas, and the many joys that it brings. We will discuss Advent, celebrate Christmas Around the World, and do many Christmas art projects.

We will continue the following topics of study: Journal writing, the letter ‘P’, sight words, compound words, letter sounds, counting 1-30 and building math skills with games and activities. At our sensory table you will see Christmas sensory projects, sensory bottles, playdough activities and art, all which help to build your child’s fine motor skills. We will also be including some wonderful science experiments.





## Important Dates

**December 5:** Parent Appreciation Night

**December 11:** VPK Christmas Program

**December 20:** Christmas Around the World

As we begin this holiday season, we urge you to keep in mind the real meaning of Christmas. It is a time of God showing His great love for us; a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus; a time to invite Him into our hearts. So, as you celebrate your faith and family this holiday season, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Miss Angie Miss Debbie

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our Themes and Activities for the month of December are Advent, Cookies, Christmas Around the World and Christmas

December 6<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Nicholas

December 11 VPK Christmas Program

December 13<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Lucia

December 20 Ugly Sweater Day and Christmas Around the World Parties

December 22-January 3 Christmas Break for Public School

December 24, 25 SHECC Closed for Christmas

January 1 SHECC Closed for New Year's Day

January 20 SHECC Closed for Dr. MLK Day

January 25 Annual Kumquat Festival

Thank you for all the snack donations!

We hope everyone has a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ms. Debbie      Ms. Laura      Ms. Heather

Please turn in  
your Christmas  
Break attendance  
form to the Front  
Office *ASAP!*

