



AEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Monthly Newsletter from Ascension Episcopal Kindergarten

December Calendar

- December 2
School Photo Money Due
- December 5
5's to Children's Theater
- December 8 and 11
Storytime
- December 10
Santa visits AEK
- December 12
4's Polar Express
- December 15
Chapel with Father Stephen
- December 17
5's Christmas Pageant
(Ware Hall at 11:00 a.m.)
- December 19
School Closes at Noon
NO LUNCH BUNCH
- January 6
School Resumes
- January 7 - 16
Registration for
2015-2016 School Year
- January 9
Informational Meeting
about 5's class (9:15
a.m.)

Christmas at AEK

This is such an exciting and magical time of the year for preschool-aged children! While we love everything about the season, we at AEK emphasize the true meaning of Christmas. The children will have lots of fun making cute holiday crafts, taking an imaginary ride on the Polar Express, visiting with Santa, etc. But more importantly, each class will discuss and celebrate the birth of Jesus. We also look forward to a very special portrayal of the Christmas Story on December 17th by the 5's class.

The children do not exchange gifts. In the spirit of giving, we invite you and your children to participate in our holiday service project. We will be collecting new pajamas for children in need. This will be held in conjunction with our visit from Santa, so if you would like to participate, please send the pajamas (unwrapped) to school by Wednesday, December 10th.

Santa's Visit to AEK

Santa Claus will be making his annual visit to AEK on Wednesday, December 10th. Each class will have an opportunity to visit with him and allow him to "lean his ear this way". Two's not in class on Wednesday are welcome to come visit with Santa at 9:30 a.m. in the music room (just down from the church office). Children are invited to bring a new pair of child's pajamas, unwrapped please, by this day.

Polar Express

The 4's will be taking an imaginary ride to the North Pole on the Polar Express on Friday, December 12th. This is a truly unforgettable experience for them. Please send your child dressed in pajamas with pillow in hand for this magical adventure.

5's Christmas Pageant

For us at AEK, it just wouldn't be Christmas without the precious Christmas pageant presented by the 5's class. You are welcome to attend this special performance on Wednesday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. in Ware Hall. It is a wonderful opportunity to pause for a moment during the hustle and bustle of the season and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Holiday Happenings

*2's: The 2's will continue their study of shapes and numbers and will be creating beautiful works of art based on Christmas. They are growing so quickly and are just so much fun to be around!

*3's: The 3's will be very busy this month making Christmas

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Welcome

Please add to your directory and extend the warmest AEK welcome to the following new student in our Thursday/Friday 2's class:

Lex Craft

Julie, Drew
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Registration for the 2015-16 school year

Believe it or not, it is almost that time again! Registration for current AEK students and siblings will be held January 7th - January 16th. Registration forms will be sent home beginning January 7th. An informational meeting about the 5's program will be held on Friday, January 9th at 9:15 a.m. Please make sure younger siblings are on our waiting list. If you are interested in a particular 2's class or the 3's Friday Enrichment class for the upcoming school year, it will be important to return your registration form in a timely manner.

Merry Christmas

We wish all of our special AEK families a very Merry Christmas. May the joy and wonder of God's love revealed in the gift of His Son be yours this season.

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crafts, building gingerbread houses, and celebrating the birth of Jesus. They are also looking forward to Santa's visit and their Christmas party.

*4's: This month in the 4's the themes will be Christmas, Nativity and Gingerbread. They will be taking a trip on the Polar Express on December 12th. The children will love coming to school dressed in their PJ's and hearing the story come alive with an actual bell they can ring! *Handwriting without Tears* is going well and they will be learning the letters G (for gingerbread and green), and S (for Santa, sleigh, snow, etc). Friday December 5th will be wear green day. Their Christmas party will be on Friday December 19th.

*5's: December is an exciting month in the 5's! They will learn about the first Christmas and perform their annual Christmas Pageant on December 17th. They are looking forward to a fun field trip to Children's Theater on December 5th and are enjoying preparing for this very special Christmas season.

*Music: During the next few weeks, the children will be learning Christmas carols and working on songs for the 5's Christmas Pageant.

*P.E.: In P.E., Ms. June and the children are taking every opportunity to get outside and move around, working on jumping, skipping and balance. They will even take an imaginary trip to help train Santa's reindeer. Please remember their rubber-soled shoes on Mondays!

Playground Update

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who so generously donated to our playground fundraiser! Nearly 120 AEK families, Ascension church members, local businesses and neighbors contributed to our new playground, which is simply amazing and heart-warming. To date, we have raised a total of \$20,245.00 and have therefore met our goal! Playground equipment has been ordered and will be delivered and installed during the Christmas holidays. What a truly wonderful gift for our students from YOU!

HUGE thanks to Dana Sheheane, Rachel Lowther and the following members of the playground committee for organizing and executing this very successful fundraiser:

Karen Blair, Leanne Cates, Hunter Chapman, Melissa Flannagan, Jamie Grimes, Robyn Kown, Muray Marshall, Donya Rumore and Jen Tortorici.

In addition, Reid Hodges, a member of Ascension Boy Scout Troop 96, will be constructing a new sandbox and/or other piece of playground equipment as part of his Eagle Scout project. We look forward to working with Reid on this endeavor.

A current list of playground donors is included with this newsletter.