

## Miss Jennifer's December Newsletter

Is November really already over? It seems like it just began. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at our Feast. I think it was a big success!

As the month of December arrives, we will change our focus to celebrating the season and Jesus' birthday. We will discuss and read stories about what this wonderful time of the year is about - as well as that big guy in the red suit! The dress up area will have the house items set up. Baking cookies and meals for the family will be created.

A Christmas tree will be added to the center for a more festive feel.

Christmas light alphabet order, Santa letter Bingo and ABC Christmas Tree will be some of the items at the writing center. There will also be holiday stamps and stencils for them to decorate their daily art creations. At the nearby Sensory table (so they can work on their fine motor skills), there will be curling ribbon for practicing their cutting skills. After that, little trees will go in for them to decorate.

Santa Helpers puzzle, felt tree and gingerbread man creations, Gingerbread Lace n' Trace and pattern mats will be available for them to explore at the Manipulative center. Play dough and holiday cut outs will be out to play and create with at the play dough table. A very popular table with this class!

The Math center will have a color match tree, Skittle color tree, ornament sorting, Nutcracker number match and help the shepherd count his sheep. The Science center will have a Christmas light and battery to see if they can make it light up and 'What is the present game?' where they match wrapped items to pictures.

Art projects that will be created this month include candy canes, angels and Christmas trees. There will also be a secret project done for those special people in their lives. Christmas lights, star stamping and more will be done at the easel.

Some games we will play during carpet will be *Who has the Candy Cane?* and "I have, Who has..." Sure to be a hit! We will also be working on our Christmas program songs every day, so hopefully they will be practicing them for you at home. A manger scene will be added to the blocks center so they can recreate the birth of Jesus.

Please make sure to mark your calendars for the *Christmas program - Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm*. Children would need to arrive at 6:30 so they can prepare for the concert. It is always a special night. *Baby Jesus Birthday party* will be on *Wednesday, December 19th or Thursday, the 20th* (depending on what day your child normally attends). Please see the attached sheet for items needed for the party.

Looking forward to this month and sharing the holiday season with your children.  
Miss Jennifer

### Reminders:

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm: Christmas Program**

**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Baby Jesus Birthday Party (for MWF children)**

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Baby Jesus Birthday Party (for TR children)**

**Christmas Break December 24 - January 2 (Class resumes on January 3)**

