

Miss Bonnie's Newsletter

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Happy Holidays everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I want to take a moment to thank all who were able to attend the feast. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as your little one did preparing for the feast. Because of the generous donations and the many volunteers this wonderful tradition is able to continue. Once again First St. John has been very blessed and we thank you!!

December is here! I have been looking forward to this unit for months because Christmas is always filled with more excitement through the eyes of young children. We will learn about the Christmas Story. To help the children experience the awe and wonder of the true meaning of Christmas we will continue with our traditional Christmas program. The Christmas program serves as a fun and exciting way that allows the children to feel like they are an important part of the holidays as families gather to watch their child engage in this time honored tradition. Please come and join us Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 pm for a forever keepsake event!

Christmas is just around the corner and the kids are getting excited. To keep them focused and motivated during this crazy time of year, I have gathered some Christmas STEAM learning activities. Science fun with yummy Christmas candy; Mint goop - is it solid, is it liquid; which cookie absorbed more milk; Growing candy canes, dissolving candy canes and of course a little chemistry, peppermint Oobleck and Santa toothpaste!

To continue with hands on activities the little architects will create a shelf for the elf, just in case the pesky little elf decides to visit. Other tasks will be to discover how many ways they can create a Christmas tree with cups - lots of cups, gumdrops, colored marshmallows and even tinker with nuts and bolts over in Santa's workshop. I'm excited to see their creations.

STEAM gets delicious in the kitchen which will help to reinforce measurements and science processing skills, tangram Christmas cookies, elf drink (why so unusual?), Santa hat (strawberries and bananas), Santa pancakes, Rudolph pretzels and stain glass windows. Cooking and baking are great ways to build literacy skills.

Literacy skills will consist of matching alphabet letters, tracing alphabet letters, and identifying beginning sounds of letters. A fun way to practice letter recognition and letter sounds is by playing reindeer alphabet bingo. Art will consist of making candy canes, reindeer drawings, Christmas trees and bulbs and a special project.

STEAM learning is simple materials, simple play but big opportunities for learning, creating and exploring. I am putting a wish list out this month to help continue to make learning fun and festive. Every little bit will help. Thank you in advance!

Have a Blessed Holiday Season!

Merry Christmas!

God Bless,

Miss Bonnie and Miss Vicky

Important Dates:

December 13th - Christmas Program - 7:00 p.m.

14th - popcorn and movie The Star

19th - Happy Birthday Amelia!

19th - Christmas celebration (sign-up sheet will be sent home)

21st - Christmas break begins after class!

