

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families; how blessed we all are! We began the month with the unit, *We all have feelings*, which then took us into our unit, *The First Thanksgiving*. At circle time we focused on what and who we are thankful for. The children were very excited to play the parts of Native Americans and Pilgrims in our St. Andrew Thanksgiving feast! We all enjoyed conversation and good food with our peers. Thank you, parents, for donating items to help make our feast a success!

At Jesus time we focused on Bible stories that made a connection to our circle time themes: Feelings/Emotions and Thanksgiving. The story, "The Lost Sheep" reminded us that Jesus loves and guides us even when we may be feeling lost. We also heard the story, "The Ten Lepers" in which Jesus miraculously healed all ten men, but only one returned to thank Him. This is a reminder to us to give thanks every day for our blessings. Hearing these stories led to our discussions on feelings, how to treat others, how to be a friend, and how to help others. For example, our food collection boxes were filled with not only food, but love and kindness. Thank you everyone for opening your heart to others in need, what a great way to teach our children about helping others!

I am so proud of the accomplishments the students have demonstrated since they began in September! They are developing positive relationships and friendships and learning how to play more constructively with their peers. They have become more engaged and attentive at structured circle times, learning to respect personal space and meeting circle/group time expectations. In other areas of development, the children have been working on writing their names and learning the letters in their names and the names of their peers. They continue to work on developing fine motor skills and dexterity with a variety of materials i.e., pencils, markers, scissors, paint brushes, tongs/tweezers etc. I encourage you to provide plenty of opportunity at home to strengthen this skill. Finally, the class continues to work on strengthening their literacy, math, and science skills through stories, games, circle times, music play, and interactive hands on exploring!

### **Important dates:**

December 11<sup>th</sup> Candy Cane Hunt 6:00-8:00

Christmas break: December 14-January 1<sup>st</sup>

Classes resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Gross



## December Curriculum 2020

### Jesus Time

30-4 Good New for Mary  
7-11 The Christmas Story  
14-18 Christmas Break  
21-25 Christmas Break  
28-1/1 Christmas Break

### Circle Time

I'm the Gingerbread Boy  
The Sights and Sounds of Christmas

### 3K

Shape- Star  
Color- Green  
Reading Readiness- Letters in our names  
Letter identification

Math- 1:1 counting gingerbread houses 1-6

### 4K

Star  
Green and gold  
Literacy Links J, K  
"December"  
Sight words: Jump, And  
Review all sight words learned  
1:1 counting gingerbread houses 1-10  
Christmas cookie take-a-way  
Printing numbers

Snacks Needed: Nothing this month

Please remember to bring in 1 package of cookies for the Candy Cane Hunt and Living Nativity. Thank you!