

DECEMBER

Holy Family Pre-K 3

Letter from Director

Dear Parents,

Happy Holidays! It's such a joyful time of year for us here at Holy Family. We have exciting plans and activities planned for the children this month. However, during all of the hustle and bustle, our main goal will be to instill in the children the spirit of giving and the true meaning of Christmas.

We need to keep in mind the developmental level of three and four-year-old children. Even though the children learn that God wants them to live and serve others, it is very difficult for them to be unselfish. You can help us instill the true meaning of Christmas by allowing your child to do kind deeds, or let them help you make homemade goodies for someone. Sometimes these are the most memorable gifts a person can receive, and also children learn best by doing.

TUITION DUE EARLY!!:

Tuition for December will be due on the morning of December 14th, so we can get everything to the bookkeeper before the holidays. No checks will be cashed before the 15th, but we need them all to be turned in. Note: Because tuition is pro-rated, the entire monthly amount is due, however, Cub Care will only be \$65. Quite a few of you overpaid for Cub Care in August, so please look for a note on your child's tuition envelope. You may not owe Cub Care at all.

Also, there has been some confusion regarding the tuition envelope. If the tuition envelope is not sent home, it is because we do not have it. Tuition is still due by the 15th, regardless of whether or not we send the tuition envelope home. If it is not paid by the 15th, please include a \$25 late fee.

We will host our annual toy drive during the month of December. Please send a new unwrapped toy. All donations will benefit the Toys for Tots.

We will have a Christmas party and Birthday Party for Jesus on December 14th at school starting at 8:00.

There will be a Christmas Pageant for the Pre-K 3 students on **December 18th** at 8:00 in the Church. This will also be the **last day of school for Pre-K 3**. Dismissal for the holidays will follow after the play. Each child will have a part in the Christmas play. We will send home a sheet to inform you on your child's part in the play. We have costumes here at school for your children to wear. They must be returned to school immediately after the play.

I will email the songs to be sung in the play so you can work with your child at home.

School resumes for students on Tuesday, January 8th.

The staff at Holy Family Pre-K wishes you and your family a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Service Hour Opportunity

*If anyone is a Doctor or Nurse (or have a family member who is), please let us know if you would be interested in visiting in December as a Community Helper.

Curriculum

Our units this month are Christmas/Winter and the Birth of Jesus. Some concepts to be taught are:

- *The Story of Jesus' birth
- *Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary
- *Shepherds and angels
- *Advent is the season in our church before Christmas
- *St. Nicholas

We will light an Advent wreath every day, and sing this song:

Let's light a candle now
Every Christmas is a birthday
For the baby born in Bethlehem
Far, far, away.

Our nursery rhymes for this month are Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and Little Jack Horner. Our colors are red and green. The letter this month is M. We will continue to review numerals 0 - 10 and the shape is a star. Concepts are large and small. We are also learning Spanish words. We will continue our Character Critter with Tommy the Trustworthy Turtle.

This Month's Highlights

12/1-12/13

Toy Drive (new unwrapped toy)

12/1

Breakfast with Santa (9am Parish Hall)

12/4

Library visits

12/6

GREEN DAY & Feast of St. Nic

12/13

RED DAY

12/14

Christmas Party/Jesus' Birthday party at 8:00 at school (FREE DRESS); DECEMBER TUITION DUE

12/18

Christmas Play 8:00 am in Church,
DISMISSAL FOLLOWING

12/19-1/7

NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

12/24

Mrs. Kelsey's Birthday

1/8

Return to school from Christmas holidays

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!!!**

Elyse: 1st

Ryker: 8th

Harper: 16th

Holland: 31st

Jesus: 25th!