

## Yellow Family Newsletter December 5-14, 2017



Welcome back Yellow Family, I hope you all had a fantastic Thanksgiving holiday with your family. This is going to be a busy month so please mark your calendars for these very important dates coming up in December.

**December 7<sup>th</sup> - All school chapel;** please bring an unwrapped toy to the Church with your child, you can donate to a needy child age 0-18, boy or a girl. The Salvation Army will put these toys in their store for many less fortunate children to choose from.

**All month long-** There will be a giving tree in the hallway. You can donate socks, hats, or gloves to the warming shelter for adults.

**December 21-Jesus Birthday Party** in Parish Hall 12:00, children do not need to bring a lunch this day, there will be signups out to help with set up, clean up, and to make gingerbread cake & holiday cutout sandwiches for our class to enjoy together.

**December 25- January 8 Christmas Break.** School resumes on Tuesday January 9.

**Jesus' birthday** party is just around the corner. The celebration will be in the Parish Hall at 12:00 on Thursday December 21. It will be short and sweet. The children will sing a few songs and finger plays, then sit down to eat some Christmas shaped sandwiches. To top it all off, we will sing Happy Birthday to Jesus and then eat a yummy gingerbread cake for dessert. There is no after school play this day, school is over after the celebration. Please make sure you have this date and time saved for this special day. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

**Thanks** to the Shelby family for being awesome room parents in November and helping with play dough, cutouts, and set up / clean up for the Harvest Festival. And thanks to Dawn & Nicci for set up help.

The Harvest Festival was just wonderful, thanks to everyone for coming and helping out!

The month of **December** we will switch to starting our days **inside**. Please drop your child off at the gate after you use the potty (change to a fresh pull up) and wash your hands.

## Activities for the next two weeks:

**Science-** This month for science we will begin to discover the **desert** that Jesus was born in. We will look at sand and talk about the animal's plants, and nomads that live in the desert, and how they survive. **Light table** with colored blocks, then Christmas mash up.

**Math:** Hook and washer board, then keys, Christmas surprise matching game, Beading with large beads then horizontal beading, Gingerbread kids and ice cube trays, Christmas tree serration, Sock color matching game, Turtles discovery box, Puzzles, Zen sand tray with mirror, Confetti moving, puzzles.

**Blocks:** Lizards inside, then desert animals. Giant legos outside.

**Art:** Painting ornaments, Easel painting Christmas tree shapes then bells, sand art with squeeze glue, camels, cards, working on surprise presents!

**Snack Lesson: Peeling** banana, cuties.

**Sensory:** Coco shells and cups, then add cotton and ladles to make hot coco, water and funnel stand, sand and combs, sand and desert animals, cotton balls with red and green bears then add present boxes, snake race track with sand and gutters.

**Dramatic Play:** Bake shop and nativity animal costumes

**Literature:** The Mitten by Jan Brett, If You Take A Mouse To The Movies by Laura Numeroff, Who Took The Cookies From The Cookie Jar by Bonnie Lass and Philemon Sturges, Baby Rattlesnake by Te Ata.

What a wonderful season in front of us to enjoy, Miss Mika and Jeana