

Kindergarten News for December

Parents,

This is such a special, but also super busy time of year! I will keep our regular routines intact as much as possible, but it is likely that our excitement will get the best of us, and yes, that includes me!

We will be preparing for the Christmas program, making and wrapping very special gifts, and decorating our tree! All of this, and learning too? Actually, this time of year is great for learning because the activities are so motivating! What kindergartner wouldn't want to count Christmas lights or make patterns with candy canes and stockings?!

Speaking of stockings, there will be one hanging on our classroom window for each child in the class! ☺ The idea is that each child can bring **SMALL, INEXPENSIVE** gifts or even a piece of candy to place in each of the stockings. The Dollar Tree has many items that come in sets of 2, 4 or more so they end up being from 25 to 50 cents or even less! Please be sure and **get the SAME GIFT for all** or at least the same for all girls and all boys. You could also have your child make gifts by hand! We will open our stockings together on Dec. 16th. Please bring them by Wednesday, the 14th. You can give them to Miss Dawn or myself and I will put them in the stockings! Thank you so much!

Our Christmas Program is Wednesday, Dec. 14th. Each child will be dressing up in order to illustrate the story of the first Christmas (we don't have enough kids to play all of the parts). I will take photos which will be presented as a slide show as we tell the story through narration and singing. The night of the program, they can wear their "Sunday best" if you would like, but keep in mind that you will need to have them ready to go by 5:30!

Unit of Study for December (1-16): Christmas! ☺

Fruit of the Spirit for December is **Patience**. We will practice it as we wait for the birthday of Jesus, just as they waited for his birth long ago!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 14th — Christmas Program at 5:30 PM (Also the deadline for stocking stuffers)

Friday, Dec. 16th — Winter Walk to Mission Mill

Dec. 19-30 is Christmas Break; No School

*note: I am trying to arrange a visit to Storybook Land in Albany for Friday, Dec. 9th. (I'll let you know when I know!)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

