

NEWSLETTER

ASSUMPTION PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN

This week's News ~ Dec. 4-8, 2023

Preschool:

- **Tuesday**, we began with lighting our Advent candle, singing a song, saying a prayer, and finding a kind act.
- We worked on matching mother animals to their babies and their homes, we matched big to little pictures, we counted out pom poms to numbers on plates.
- We talked about Christmas Angels, acted in an Angel counting story, and read the Christmas story, noting how the Angels were an important part of the story. We also read a Christmas by the ABC's book and an Advent story about how God is with us always, shining a light along the way.
- **Thursday**, we started with lighting our Advent candle, singing a song, saying a prayer and finding a kind act.
- We decorated Christmas cookies using icing and sprinkles. We were able to eat them at snack!
- We practiced drawing lines to matching pictures of Christmas cookies and we tried our best to stay in the lines while coloring pictures of Christmas cookies.
- We played the "colors in the classroom" game and we had movement to an exercise video for indoor recess.
- We described how we are preparing for Christmas at home by decorating our houses during Chapel Time.

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Prekindergarten:

- **Monday** was the beginning of our first week of Advent. We lit a purple candle, sang a song, said a prayer, and found a kind act to begin our waiting. We also attached the first purple candle to our own Advent Wreath, and we moved the snowflake down on the countdown to Christmas Tree.
- We had fun in our music class with Ms. V, doing the reindeer hokey pokey, keeping rhythm with the rhythm sticks and dancing with scarves to the Nutcracker.
- We practiced the songs for our program, and we acted it out for the first time.
- The children loved being able to practice "coding" for our STEM "Code'n Learn Kinderbot electronic robot". They were getting it to go in circles.

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- **Wednesday**, we started with our Advent service, lighting of the (Hope) candle, singing the Advent song, saying an Advent prayer, finding a kind act, and we listened to an Advent story.
- We talked about Christmas Trees and what they mean in the story of Christmas. We also talked about St. Nicolas Day and what he did to become a saint. The children left their shoes out during rest time, and they found a chocolate coin in their shoe upon waking.
- We created our own Christmas tree by cutting out and gluing 5 hearts with a yellow star and sequins to decorate.
- We moved to Reindeer Pokey and other Christmas songs.
- We practiced our Christmas program and sang the songs.
- **Friday**, we celebrated Advent with lighting the candle of Hope, singing an Advent song, praying an Advent prayer, finding a kind act, moving the snowflake a day closer to Christmas, and reading an Advent story.
- At center time we worked on a secret project and had book time, for others to finish.
- We had PE with Ms. Eager, in the gym. We ran on the lines, stretched our muscles, moved to a video, and played Noodle tag.
- We had so much fun creating Gingerbread Houses with our 4th grade buddies. They were helpful with the glue-icing, and we loved piling on the candies.
- We had Library time with Mrs. Kim in the library. She read a story and we made bookmarks. We also checked out a book for the classroom.

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- *Please remember, every Wednesday is an early release day at 2:00 p.m.*
- *One of our many goals is to teach independence to your child. We ask them to attempt all self-care (toileting, putting on shoes, putting on jackets, carrying their bags, hanging up their backpacks and coats, etc.) by themselves before helping if needed. We would appreciate if you would support this at home by allowing them to do as much as they can. They will surprise you!*

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Upcoming events in December:

- **Dec. 13th** – Casual Uniform Day (Or red and green day)
- **Dec. 14th** – Christmas Program **K-8th** grade 7pm in the Church
- **Dec. 15th** – Prekindergarten Christmas program 10:30 a.m. in the school library
- **Dec. 15th** – Early Release at 11:45am (B Day) Childcare offered by 8th graders & parents 12-5pm
- **Dec. 16th through January 1st** – Christmas Break!
- **January 2nd, 2024** – First day back to school in the New Year

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