

NEWSLETTER

ASSUMPTION PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN

This week's News ~ Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 2023

Preschool:

- **Tuesday**, we continued our thankful month with our thankful song and saying what we are thankful for. We also talked about the upcoming month and whose birthday it is on Christmas, and the time leading up to Christmas is called Advent.
- We created a "Jesus was a Baby" picture, using craft sticks, tissue and circles.
- We practiced lacing using winter cards and yarn. Learning the two ways to lace: up/over or down/back up is a good fine motor skill for preschool.
- We played two cookie games: Who took the Cookie from the Cookie Jar and There were Cookies in the Cookie Jar...
- **Thursday**, we finished up our thankful month with a thankful song and ways to be thankful.
- We talked about Christmas wreaths and how they are part of what we see at Christmas. They are an important symbol of the never-ending love of Jesus. We decorated a wreath by identifying and matching shapes and naming their colors.
- We also found colors in the classroom, and we continued working on the patterns and fine motor skills of lacing.
- We listened to a book called "Something"; how small kindnesses can make a crowd of people happy.

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Prekindergarten:

- **Monday**, we continued our thankful month by singing a thankful song and saying what we are thankful for. We also started learning an Advent song which we will be singing each day during Advent. It teaches us we are "waiting" for Christ's birth.
- We created our own Advent wreaths using paper plates and crumpled tissue paper. We will be "lighting" a new candle each week. We will also be counting down the days to Christmas on an Advent calendar.
- We practiced putting the alphabet in order A-J with upper- and lower-case letters. We also learned about the letter J,j, how to write it, and words that begin with it.
- We learned new tag games to play outside.
- **Wednesday**, we continued with our thankful month with a thankful song and saying what we are thankful for. We also found an act of kindness we could do.
- We talked about Christmas angels and how important they are to the Christmas Story. We read a book about the Nativity, getting ready for our Christmas Program practices. We also noted the Angels present in the story. We each created an angel to become part of "A Host of Angels" in the hallway. We cut and glued this project.
- We worked on writing the letters J,j and we listened to a Pigeon story.

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- **Friday**, we celebrated the first of December by looking for all things different in the classroom. We talked about the Advent season which we will be honoring with lighting a candle, song, prayer, kindness acts and Christmas count down each day. We also talked about our Christmas program and began practicing our songs.
- We had PE in the gym with Mrs. Kershner. The game was tag with pool noodles. The class is learning that “taking turns” not only means waiting, but to make the waiting even; that everyone should get the same amount of play and waiting.

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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!

Upcoming events in December:

- **Dec. 6th** - Prek Gingerbread Houses
- **Dec. 7th** - Preschool Christmas cookie decorating
- **Dec. 13th** - Casual Uniform 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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