

MRS. LAUREL'S CLASS NEWSLETTER

December 2025

Christmas brings family and friends together. It helps us to appreciate the love in our lives that we often take for granted. May the true meaning of the holiday season fill your heart and home with many blessings.

Class News

This month our theme is Gingerbread. Christmas and the season of Advent, the preparation for Jesus' birth. We will have a lot of fun with all things gingerbread from stories, to games, fine motor activities and more! We will learn about the story of Christmas when Jesus was born and talk about the Advent word for each week: hope, peace, joy & love. We will also learn about Giving and Kindness - such as helping (giving of time), donating (giving of items), sharing, and using kind words and actions- and how those acts make God happy and we will talk about how they make us feel inside.

We will begin recognizing our name without our photos on our morning name tags! and we will continue writing our names by tracing and trying on our own. We are also learning to put on our coats independently - a self help skill. Our Grateful for Grandparents days are special days to enjoy a special time in the morning before school with our Grandparents. We also have fun Hat Days on Dec 10 & 11, when all children are encouraged to wear a special hat to school. In music we will be learning some fun Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas Programs on Dec. 17th & 18th. Don't miss this!

Thank you for helping your child remember the Book Bag when it comes home - We have shared some fabulous books!

We hope you all enjoy the magic of the season with your families and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

What We're Learning

Literacy

Letters Hh & Jj and their sounds. Recognizing own name and letter recognition. Name writing practice.

Math

Review of numbers 1-5, counting letters in own name, shape of a Star, more complex pattern sequences

Fine Motor

Pincer grasp activities, 3 finger pencil grip, line tracing, scissor skills, sorting.

Art

Tissue Wreath, Pointsettias, candy canes, Jesus in the Manger.

Music and Movement

Singing, gross motor, self awareness & rhythm & repetition

Bible Stories

H is for Healed: Jesus heals a sick woman (Mark 1: 29-31)

J is for Jesus: baby Jesus is born (Luke 2:1-7)

Bible Verse

"You are the light of the world"

Matthew 5:14

Important Dates

12/1 - School Registration opens for 2026-27 year

12/3 & 4 - Grateful for Grandparents - 8:15-9:05

12/4 - Miss Isa's LAST DAY with us 😞

12/10 & 11 - Hat Days

12/16 - Butter Braid Pick up

12/17 & 18 - Preschool Christmas Program @9:15

-punch & cookies immediately after

-please bring 1 dz cookies to share (store or homemade)

-NO LUNCH BUNCH these days

12/20-1/6/25- Christmas Break - No School

At Home

- Help child memorize and/or write letters in own name. A dry erase board is great for practice, & fun!
- Have your child find their name on gifts- which one is theirs? Can they tell you the letters in their name?
- Play with playdough- hide beads or small toys in it & have child dig out. Make letters, shapes, balls & snakes.
- Ask about letters H & J and numbers 1-5. Look on signs and in print items.
- Drive around and look at Christmas lights as a family - in pjs! Enjoy this special season.

Reminders

- We will go outside for recess unless it is below 20°, weather permitting. Please send your child with a jacket or sweatshirt.
- Continue to send a water bottle & backpack. Please label these items.
- Watch for the Class Book Bag to come home with your child! Help them choose 1 book to put in the bag to be shared with the class on their next school day.