Our Lady Queen of Peace School

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Love in Every Word. Respect in Every Action. Confidence in Every Heart.

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the families who joined us for the K4 and K5 Advent Program. We have been practicing our Christmas songs since the end of November and have been anxiously awaiting the day of our program. The KB friends are always so excited to have their parents visit them at school!

Our travels on our Magic Carpet continue. This week we visited three countries! In Mexico we learned the legend of the Poinsettia. Look for your child’s poinsettia to come home in their travel suitcase! “Feliz Navidad” is a fun song to sing!!! In Germany, we landed in an evergreen forest and learned all about the Christmas tree. We rememebr fun activities with our gingerbread cookies and gingerbread houses. “ O Christmas Tree” is a fun song to sing from Germany. Lastly, we landed in France. We learned about their gift bearer, Pere Noel, and practiced saying their word for the manger- a creche. We made beautiful Noel banners which will be coming home in their “suitcases” next week. We will be returning to the United States next week.

All the children have also worked on being kind to each other to get their hearts ready for the birth of Jesus. When they do a kind deed they can put a piece of "hay" into our manger. Come see how full our mangers are getting!

Centers:

At the ABC Center, we created a Christmas book using our 5 senses. In our book, we could see the lights on the Christmas tree, hear the reindeer’s bells, smell the gingerbread cookies baking, taste the sweet candy canes and feel Santa’s soft beard. Have your child read this book to you.

At the 123 Center, we played store with Mrs. Kiddoo. We each got 20 cent to buy different Christmas items from the class store to put them in our stockings. We got lots of fun items: presents, gingerbread houses, candy canes, trees and snowman. We talked about pennies and nickels. We know that pennies equal 1 cent and nickels equal 5 cents. It was so much fun!

We will be having low-key Christmas parties in our classrooms on Thursday, Dec. 21st. We will have a treat and, of course, ...... open presents! The children really seem to enjoy sharing a gift with a classmate at this party. Would you please send a wrapped, $3-$5 gift to school during the week of Dec. 4-11th ? This little gift should be suitable for a boy or girl. Please sign the card: To a Friend, from (your child's name). We will put all gifts in a grab bag and enjoy the surprise of a gift from a class friend. Ideas include a beanie boo type stuffed animal, coloring book/crayons, playdough, holiday game, book, etc.

With Winter weather here – please make sure your child comes to school prepared to go outside every day. Coats that they can zip, boots, hats, mittens that they can put on themselves (ALL LABELED) and a LARGE REUSEABLE BAG ( LIKE A REUSEABLE GROCERY SHOPPING BAG) THAT ALL ITEMS CAN FIT INTO FOR STORAGE. Managing all of these items is a challenge for the children. The extra storage bag helps to avoid frustration and tears throughout the day.

Upcoming Themes:

All of December: Advent, Christmas, & Christmas Around the World

Important Dates:

Dec. 21 – Advent Prayer Service 10:45

Dec. 21 – Half Day – Early Dismissal at 11:30

Dec. 22-29 – No School – Christmas Break

January 3rd- School Resumes

January 5th- All School Mass/Church Attire

January 12th- Snowmen at Night Party- Wear your PJ’s to school

January 15th- No School

Center Helpers for January:

Lessner – January 12th

Small – January 8th and 22nd

Brown – January 22nd

Adams – January 12th, 17th, 26th and Feb. 1st.

Still Looking For Center Helpers in January Center Times:

Wednesday, January 3rd, 10th, 24th, & 31st

Thursday, January 11th & 18th

Friday, January 5th, 19th

On Friday, January 12th – I still need 2 parent helpers to help with our Snowman at Night Centers. The party will be from 9:00 to 10:15

Have a wonderful weekend!

Amanda Kiddoo