



Unit Letter
"Happy Birthday Jesus"
December 2011

Dear Families,

December brings an added sense of busyness to our already hectic daily lives. During our Jesus Time this advent season we will learn of Christ's birth. Children will enjoy the retelling of Jesus birth and come to tell the story themselves. Throughout the weeks of advent our class will learn of the angels sent by god to announce the coming of Jesus. In great surprise I will illustrate the symbolic representation between the candy cane and Christ.

We invite you to join us in celebration of Jesus' birth. Class 5 will present a Christmas program on Tuesday, December 20 at 10:45 am and Class 4 will present their program on Wednesday, December 21 at 10:45 am. Students will come to their regular preschool class at 9 am then we invite family and friends to join us in the sanctuary at 10:45 for the Christmas program performance. Following the program birthday cake and refreshments will be served.

During our unit "Happy Birthday Jesus" these are the choice time activities available:

Dramatic Play: Nativity

Art Table: Christmas gift preparations

Easel: Candy Canes and Birthday Cakes and Christmas trees

Science: Water chimes and Lights and Wires

Sensory Table: Play dough cookies and Gingerbread matching

Sensory Tub: Cutting wrapping paper and Raffia

Letters of the Week: J,j and K,k

Shape of the Week: Star

Color of the Week: Green

Number of the Week: 7

During this unit these songs and finger rhymes will be introduced:

When Santa Comes Down the Chimney

When Santa comes down the chimney (downward motion with hands)

I should like to peek (peek through fingers)

But he'll never come, no never (shake head and finger)

Until I'm fast asleep (palms together beside head)

Peppermint Stick

I took a lick of my peppermint stick

And it tasted pretty yummy

It use to hang on the Christmas tree

But now it's in my tummy !

Five Little Bells

Five little bells hanging in a row, (hold up five fingers)

The first one said, "Ring me slow." (move thumb slowly)

The second one said, "Ring me fast!" (move index finger quickly)

The third one said, "Ring me last." (move middle finger)

The fourth one said, "I'm like a chime." (move ring finger)

The fifth one said, "Ring us all at Christmas time." (wiggle all five fingers)

Important Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, December 6 Christmas Party 6:30- 8:00pm

Wednesday, December 7 Chapel Day

Thursday, December 8 Chapel Day

Tuesday, December 20 Class 5 Christmas Program at 10:45 am

Wednesday, December 21 Class 4 Christmas Program at 10:45 am

We wish you a very merry and blessed Christmas. May the love of Jesus fill each of your hearts this year.

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