



# CLASSROOM SNAP SHOTS!

December 11, 2009



## PK3 & PK4

I hope this Advent season is a happy one for you! It is easy to get so wrapped up in preparations and lose sight of the true meaning of all the celebration! It is a blessing for me to be with your children during this season. They truly keep me focused as they show their excitement in anticipation of Jesus' birthday!

We definitely have been busy preparing for Christmas! The snow did not slow us down. We've been counting down the days with our Advent chain and the children have become very interested in the Advent wreath, eager for all the candles to be lit. This week we heard during Jesus time about the important role the angels played the night Jesus was born. We added the angel to our nativity scene.

The 3-year-olds had some fun with gingerbread and the 4-year-olds enjoyed candy cane activities. We also had fun making some special Christmas surprises and shopping at Gift Avenue.

Advent blessings!

## Kindergarten

We read about Christmas from the Bible in Luke chapter 2. We learned that Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted and taxed by the government. There were so many people and no places left to get a room, but there was a stable and that is where Mary and Joseph stayed and the baby Jesus was born. We heard that angels appeared to some shepherds outside of Bethlehem and told them the exciting news about the Savior being born. The shepherds listened to the angels and went to find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. The shepherds saw the baby Jesus. They left and began telling others that Jesus is born! People were amazed at the message from the shepherds. Mary treasured and thought deeply about all that was happening. The shepherds returned to the fields glorifying and praising God. May we find ourselves telling others about Jesus, treasuring the gift of Jesus and giving God all praise and glory!

We worked with the letter and sound of Tt and the sight word we. We worked with opposites and identified stories that are real and make believe (fantasy). We worked with a balance to measure small weight, used cubes to make AB and ABB patterns and used geo boards to make shapes. We are learning about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. This week we had activities from France, England, Germany and Sweden.

Just a reminder this Saturday is the PK and Kindergarten Family Christmas Celebration from 10:00-11:30am. Our wrapped gift for Jesus is going to Golden House.

**The memory next week is Bible verse #3 and #13. The snack person is Hunter. The information for gift exchange and party items is in the daily folder.**

Joy in Jesus!

*Mrs. Kuske*

## **First and Second Grade**

This week we talked about the many names for Jesus. Each of Jesus' names is special and tells us something unique about Him. Ask your child to tell some of His special names.

We are practicing hard for the CHRISTmas service. The CHRISTmas service will be on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The students need to be to church by 6:00 pm. that evening. Mark your calendars.

Keep encouraging your child to read and list it on the book log.

We have begun counting change. First graders are doing dimes and pennies and second graders are doing dimes, nickels, and pennies. Give your child a handful of change to count for practice. Have a great weekend and remember to worship your Lord!

## **Third and Fourth Grade**

This week we worked on different subjects that we fell behind in on our snow day. The students have done a good job keeping up with their assignments. Please look in their take home folders to see they are doing on their papers.

This week we began our practicing of the students Christmas service. The students will be giving this service on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please help them out with the memorizing that they need to do for this service. The students will need to be at church by 6:00 pm that evening.

For our upcoming Christmas, on December 19, gift giving will be done a little different with the students gifts to each other. I sent home a note last week about how this will be done. Please still bring in a treat or drink for the students to share.

Tests coming up:

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Spelling Unit 14

## **Fifth and Sixth Grade**

The Einstein kit is going well. The students were excited to look at living organisms this week. They saw Volvox, Blepharisma and vinegar eels. When looking at the vinegar eels, we talked about pasteurization and how important it is to pasteurize our foods. Next week we will finish the Einstein kit.

It was interesting learning about the 5<sup>th</sup> graders' family heritage in Social Studies. Traditions and recipes from all over Europe were shared.

Next week there will not be a spelling test, but they will still have an assignment to complete. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have a Latin America Map test on Wednesday.

## **From Mr. Kramer**

We have been working hard on Christmas memory. Our Christmas service is next week Friday at 6:30 P.M. The children need to be at church by 6:00 P.M.

Our Christmas party is next Friday afternoon. We have chosen what we are to bring to the party, so your child should know what he or she is to bring.

We will be finishing our books by Thursday. Christmas break is a great time to finish AR for the second quarter