

## Kindergarten News

### Classroom News

Kindergarten will host Family Mass at St. Mary's on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the 9 a.m. Mass. I hope you will all be able to be there.

Kindergarten is also hosting POW (prayer on Wednesday) on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 in the gym. Your child's part will be sent home next week. I hope you can join us to celebrate this prayer service.

### Curriculum Focus for Next Week

religion: We are learning about Advent and getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will be practicing for POW as well as the upcoming Christmas Program.

language arts: In reading, the students will be practicing the strategy of analyzing and rather than re-telling a story, we will "evaluate" it. The students will offer their opinions and offer suggestions.

We are almost done with our informational reports featuring a creature that your child picked. We are becoming "specialists" on our creatures by researching facts and diagraming our creature. We are participating in the writing cycle of planning, researching, writing, editing and revising. We will finish our reports by publishing and sharing them with our classmates.

math: We are finishing up Topic 4 and will begin Topic 5. Topic 5 focuses on writing and counting objects to 20.

social sciences: We are learning about the differences of wants and needs. This is especially fitting during the Christmas season! If you have some catalogs (with items the kindergartners would want), and we can cut them up, please send them in.

### School News

The Christmas Program is coming up on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7

p.m. at St. Mary's. Students are practicing their parts in music class and are eager to show off their hard work on the big night. Students should wear "Sunday Best" clothing and arrive at the church at 6:45. Bring your cameras!

In December, kindergarten will be leading the sack project. We will stuff sacks for children who attend Potluck in the Park on Christmas Eve. We will need donations of small sacks (gift bags), hats and mittens, small stuffed animals, and small toys (like those in the \$ bin at Target). If you are able to help, please bring these items to the classroom.

#### Upcoming Events

12/8- Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

12/14- POW by kindergarten

12/14- Christmas Program, 7 p.m.

12/16- half day, dismissal at 11:30

12/17- 1/3- Christmas vacation