

## Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter

November 28 – December 2



**Monday was the beginning of Advent.** There are many ways to prepare for Christmas in our home, school and community but it's most important to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. The children and I have been talking about preparing our hearts by choosing words and actions that follow the teachings of Jesus. He taught us to say kind things and use words of support and respect to one another. Jesus taught us to think of others before ourselves, and one way of doing that is giving to others. Next week we will be putting these words into action on our field trip to Shopko to purchase items for "Toys for Tots". Advent is also a time for prayer. We light a candle on our Advent wreath when praying in our classroom.

There are so many fun holiday activities to do! We played a game called, What's in the Present? I had boxes with bows on with a different item inside of each one. A student would pick a box and look inside to see what their item was. They would then give the other students' clues about what's in the box to see if they can guess. Everybody did a great job at giving clues! This game works on the skills of understanding how to give clues, how to draw conclusions from clues and verbalizing your thoughts.

Another game we played worked on recognition of upper case letters, matching the upper case letter to the lower case and practicing their sounds. We only used the letters we have taught so far this year. To play this game, a student would pick an upper case letter out of a stocking and tell us its name. Another student would take that letter and match it to the lower case letter on the board and together we say the sound that it makes.

### Dates of Events:

Wednesday, December 7 – Field Trip to Shopko (8:15-8:45)

Monday, December 19 – Class book exchange

Wednesday, December 21 – Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Program @ 9:45 in the gym

No School December 23 – January 2