

THE BLEAT



Messiah Lambs
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DECEMBER
2018

Amy Myers, Director

Calendar

December is here and Christmas is upon us! During this time our daily lives can become hectic and stressful and it can be easy to lose the true meaning of Christmas. Perhaps you are struggling to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list? Oren Arnold, novelist, and journalist, offers the following suggestions: "To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To oneself, respect." As we experience the fulfillment of our Heavenly Father's promise to send us a Savior, may we offer these gifts to all who cross our paths.

Our students will continue to share Christ's love with one another this month when they celebrate Jesus' birth with a Happy Birthday Jesus party, sing carols, and serve others. We ask you to join us in serving others who may be struggling financially this year with the Messiah's Angel Tree. This tree will be set up in our lobby. If you would like to help someone from within the Messiah community this Christmas you will be able to "purchase" an angel from the tree. We will use the money received to buy grocery, gas, and department store cards and give them to these families in need. This has been a Messiah Lambs tradition for several years and each year we have received overwhelming support from our families. Please consider donating to this cause.

In closing, I and the entire staff of Messiah Lambs would like to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. May you experience the Joy and Peace and Hope that was meant for you through our Savior's birth.

December 21 – January 4 – Christmas Break

January 7 – Classes resume

January 21 – MLK Jr. Day – No School

January 27-Feb 1 – National Lutheran Schools Week



BIRTHDAYS

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| Ian Jijo Thomas | 12/08 |
| Paisley Graham | 12/13 |
| Dalton Dry | 12/14 |
| Ethan Ferman | 12/19 |
| Cason Scruggs | 12/21 |
| Karla Flores | 12/31 |
| <i>Rashelle Foale</i> | <i>12/19</i> |



Our Basket
Auction was a
huge success! We
raised \$3,500 to
benefit our
Lambs!!



INFANTS

Ms. Pam & Ms. Cathy K.

What a special time of year, how lucky we are to be able to share it with your beautiful children. Happy Birthday, Jesus Our Bible Story for December: Baby Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1-14)

Our Bible Verse: Unto us a Child is born. Isaiah 9:6

Some songs we will sing are: Rock Baby Jesus, Away in a Manger, Shh Shh Shh, and In a Stable.

We have some play activities planned and will do a few arts and crafts. Lots of Nativity and Jesus pictures to look at and talk about.

It's sure to be an amazing month.



TODDLERS

Ms. Sandra, Ms. Rashelle & Ms. Paige

December is an exciting month as we anxiously await Jesus' birthday! Art continues to be the highlight of the day as the children learn to take turns and share supplies. We will be listening to Christmas carols during our mornings. This month we are studying the colors red and green, our shape is a star, number 5, and our bible verse: "To us, a Child is Born." We wish you a Merry Christmas and we pray that our Messiah families remember the true meaning of Christmas. Have a blessed and safe New Year!

"Every Good Perfect Gift is from the Lord" James 1:17



TWOS

Ms. Cathy H., Ms. Dawn, Ms. Jaclyn & Ms. Rashelle

Bible Stories--

Jesus is Born

Angels Tell the Shepherds

Shepherds Worship Jesus

Books--

Mrs. Wishy Washy's Christmas Mary's Baby

Pete the Cat Saves Christmas

Who Is Coming to Our House?

Corduroy's Christmas

Song of the Stars (by Sally Lloyd-Jones)

Come and See

Merry Christmas from Biscuit

Projects--

Pepper Wreath

Decorate a Tree

Santa Hat

Manger

Christmas Lights, and more...

Chapel Song--

Mary had a little Baby, little Baby, little Baby

Mary had a little Baby born on Christmas day!

(Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb)





3 DAY THREES

(Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Jackie Ford

We all love the month of December. So many new and familiar traditions, stories and songs to enjoy while "Jack Frost" is nipping at our noses!

Our unit studies this month include: the Birth of Jesus, Angels and Shepherds, and Christmas Traditions.

Letter J and K will be added to our growing list of letters we can identify and number 7 will also be a new number this month. We will continue to work on improving our fine motor skills through writing, drawing and cutting practice.

Our class will also celebrate the season with a Christmas party/book exchange on Wednesday, December 20. Watch your email and those backpacks for more information.



3 DAY THREES

(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Christina Garcia

I hope you all had a great fall break! We are halfway through the school year! We continue to learn and work hard before we have another break. This month we will be learning about: Letters: Hh, Ff, and Uu Themes: Baby Jesus, Christmas Faith, and Christmas Fun.

Bible stories: Jesus is born, Angels tell the Shepherds and Shepherds worship Jesus.

Chapel songs: In a Little Stable, Jesus was Born on Christmas Day, and Little Striped Candy Cane. Star students are Aarna S. 12/3 & Gandhar D. 12/11

** Our class holiday celebration will be on December 20th.*

* Christmas break: December 24 - January 4.

I look forward to seeing you all next year!

Happy holidays and a Happy New Year!

Music



Cathy Haedge

Songs to Celebrate December

Knock, Knock

He's Coming

I'm Waiting

In a Little Stable

Ring the Bells

What Do You Hear?

Carol of the Bells with ankle jingles

A Christmas "We Will Rock You" with ankle jingles

Away in a Manger

Glory

Lullaby--*Lullaby, lullaby sleep baby Jesus.

Angels watch you all through the night.

Lullaby, lullaby sleep baby Jesus under the stars that shine so bright.*



5 DAY THREES

Brenda Buchwald

It's hard to believe that we are almost finished with the first semester of school. Our time seems to be just flying by. November was an extremely busy month. We learned about Native Americans, Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving. We also had the St. Jude Trike-a-thon and our Pilgrim/Indian feast. The children really enjoyed dressing up as Native Americans and sharing a lunch with the Pilgrims. Thanks so much to all the parents who helped with these two special events! Your love and support for the children and our class is truly awesome. The month of December will be filled with all things "Christmas". It will be fun decorating our room with our artwork: reindeers, wreaths, candy canes, angels and more. We will be reading fun and traditional stories daily, but most importantly we will focus on the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our Bible stories and Chapel songs will be centered on this special event as well.

Themes: Baby Jesus, Christmas Faith, Christmas Fun, and Winter

Study: Letters N and O; Numbers 6 and 7

Bible Stories: *Jesus Is Born, Angels Tell the Shepherds, and Shepherds Worship Jesus* (Chapel songs are on the back of the calendar)

Upcoming Events: Our class Christmas party and book exchange will be Thursday, Dec. 20th from 11:00-12:00. Each child will need to bring **a new book wrapped costing no more than \$5** to exchange during the party. I would like to wish all of you and your children a wonderful, safe and peaceful holiday. I hope that everyone will take time to relax and enjoy this special holiday with family and friends. May God bless you all and I look forward to seeing everyone back in January.



FOURS

Debra Friestad, Rebecca West & Carmen Rowan

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the feast - it went smoothly and everything was delicious! November was really busy, but ho, ho, ho, December will be even more so! Lots to squeeze in before the last day of school on the 20th. Bible stories will include: *Jesus is Born, Angels Tell the Shepherds, and Wise Men Follow the Star*. Songs: *"Away in the Manger", "Chatter with the Angels", and "We Three Kings" (Chorus)* Units of study will include Advent, Christmas Around the World, and Christmas.

Mrs. Friestad's Christmas party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 19th 11:15 – noon.

There will be a book exchange during the party. Please send a new, wrapped book marked from your child (\$5.00 or less) to school that week or sooner if possible.

Mrs. Rowan's and Mrs. West's Christmas parties will be held Thursday, Dec. 20th at 11 – noon. We will also have a book exchanges.

Mrs. Friestad's Star Student:

Scarlett B. - 12/3-7

Snacks: Scarlett B. -12/5 and Karla 12/17

Mrs. Rowan's Healthy Snacks:

Nehemiah – 12/4

Emme – 12/11

May God bless you and your family during this Christmas season and all throughout 2019!

