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***Teaching children of God the skills needed for a lifetime of learning, worshiping, and caring so that the world sees Jesus in them.***

Happy New Year! It’s hard to believe it is already 2024! I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year! Today was also the last day of the second quarter. We will do some testing next week that is mentioned later in this newsletter.

This week, we started out by having a little refresher on the rules and expectations in Kindergarten. We are working on being respectful, responsible, and safe kindergartners. As a class, we are going to “Skate Through January” to earn a reward of a Movie Day at the end of the month. Each day, we will color in an ice skate on our chart if we have an overall great day as a class. We are excited for this journey and already have a few skates colored in.

We read some new books about Winter, and did some activities to go along with those books. In Math, we had a review on missing numbers. We are getting so good at this! We also made a fun New Year art project.

During Jesus time, we learned about Epiphany. We know that this is celebrated on January 6th, and we remember that the Wise Men came to visit baby Jesus with 3 gifts— gold, frankincense and myrrh. We will continue to talk more about Epiphany next week.

Next week, we will move on to the letter Nn. Letter pages will come home again on Tuesday. **Happy Sacks** will go home next week with **Jayden**, **Jamour**, **Jada**, and **Jackson**. Be thinking of something that starts with the letter “N” to bring into share with us. We can’t wait!

The Book in a Bag will come home on Monday, and should try to be returned no later than Thursday of that week. Yesterday, a Book Buddy came home with your child, and this will be the last time those are sent home this school year. Feel free to add the Book in a Bag and the Book Buddy to your Books Read to Me list!

Congratulations to **Charles,** **Dominic** and **Jada** for having **150 Books Read to Me**! Way to go! Keep up the good work.

On Thursday, January 11th, we will test over letters Aa-Mm, the sounds of letters Aa-Mm, and numbers 1-50. It's always a nice confidence booster to have some extra practice at home, and we will continue to work here as well.

Also, we will still be napping the month of January. Please remember to return blankets to school with your child at the beginning of each week. As the year progresses, we will slowly stop napping in preparation for first grade.

I just wanted to take the time to say how happy I am to be a part of your child’s Kindergarten year, and am excited to do what I can in this time that I will be filling in for Mrs. Eggers. Please keep her in your prayers as she heals. We sure do miss her here at school. Mrs. Ryals will be helping me a few days during the week. She is familiar with the classroom, as well as Atonement. We are very lucky to have her with us.

Enjoy your weekend.

Blessings,

Amy Washburn