



# ***A Look Ahead for December***

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## **November Summary**

This month we have been learning about numbers with a focus on the numbers 1-5. We've had fun playing games like counting out objects to match the number shown, estimating which group of objects has more, less, or the same, and identifying numbers out of order. I have also introduced the kiddos to the math concepts of addition and subtraction. Every day during calendar time before singing our "Days of the Week" song we count 5 fingers on one hand and 2 fingers on the other hand. When we add them together, we get 7. We also sing songs where we take numbers away to get less than what we started with. The goal is not for the kids to remember all the addition and subtraction facts, but to familiarize them with the concepts. This month, the 3's class have had their first Chapel experience with Mrs. Sunshine. She taught them about advent and the reason why we celebrate Christmas. I am very proud of how well my kiddos listened and how interested they were in the story of Christmas.

## **What's New?**

For the month of December our full focus will be on Christmas and having fun. The kids are already excited and telling Miss Nikki and I about the Christmas decorations that are going up around their homes. We will be reading lots of stories and making beautiful crafts all while keeping the true meaning of Christmas at heart!

## **Ms. Lisa's Thoughts**

This year is going by so fast and December is such a short month that I just want the kids to have a chance to relax and enjoy the season. They have all come such a long way and are growing so much. I love seeing them blossom! I've seen them grow in confidence and in how they behave, in how they interact with their peers, their ability to wait and listen for directions and follow instructions and just their interest in learning new things. It's truly amazing!

## **Reminders**

ARTSONIA! There are great Christmas gift ideas on there! Please check it out. Also, flu shot documentation is due by Dec. 31. If you do not have it before the break, you must send it in before school resumes. Speaking of the flu, please keep sick children home. There have already been cases of the flu here and limiting exposure (and washing hands) is the best prevention! Remember please to check your child's back pack and empty it after each class. A lot of information goes home that way. Thank you!