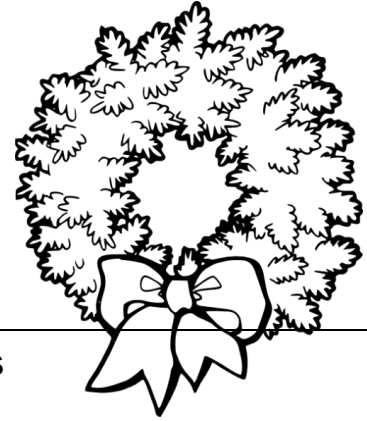


Classroom News 4s

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

The Christmas season is one of my favorite times of the year. For me, Christmas begins in October as soon as the Hallmark Channel starts premiering their Christmas movies. I'm reeled in!

While the children count down how many days until Christmas we adults count down how many days left to get it all done! With that countdown in mind making advent calendars will be one of our first December projects.

We'll also begin the month with chapel and a birthday party for Jesus to center our hearts on the true meaning of Christmas!

Small Group / Center Time

- Paint trees at the easel; coordinating eye-hand movements on a vertical surface.
- Letter "G" – big curve, little line. Lowercase g is one of the "magic c" letters.
- Demonstrate increased precision while cutting stars, hearts and reindeer heads.
- Fine motor work as we decorate miniature Christmas trees.

Learning Standard Highlight

This month I will mention a few of the ways cognitive development is part of our morning meeting. Our calendar # pattern changes each month (AB, ABB, ABC). The children recognize and repeat the pattern and count the days each month. They are learning that the last day counted represents the total # days in the month (cardinality). The children use one-to-one correspondence skills to count friends and identify the #.

Reminders, upcoming events, etc.

- Next month we will begin show-and-tell. Children can bring in one show-and-tell item to share when he or she is the star of the day!
- We will continue to play outside in spite of cold weather and snow. Please send hats, mittens, boots and even snow pants to school on fresh snow days.
- School resumes on January 4th.