

Up, Up & Away



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Dear Parents...

JJN Christmas Concert

This year, Kindergarten will be joining the rest of the school at Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church on the evening of December 11th for our school's Christmas concert. K students will only be performing in the 5:30 show. Students will remain with their parents in the front area of the church until I come to gather them for our performance at 5:30. Once our performance has concluded, parents will come up and take their child with them into the audience to watch the remainder of the show, or Kinder families may also leave at this time. There is no dress code for our Kinder performance, so your child may wear what they like!

Pajama Day:

We're wearing our favorite PJ's for our popcorn/movie party on Dec. 21st. Please send your child with a bag of popped popcorn for the occasion.

Christmas Sock Exchange:

To encourage the spirit of giving, the children will be given a name of a peer to buy a pair of Christmas socks for. Ensure that the socks are brand new and are wrapped. These will be exchanged on Dec. 21st. Then we will all wear our fun Christmas socks together! On Dec. 1st, your child will be sent home with a gift tag that will have your child's exchange name on it. Please have your child bring their sock exchange gift to school by Dec. 18th with this tag attached. Alternatively, if you cannot or do not wish to participate, please let me know so I can make sure no child is left out! Thank you so much!



Did You Know?

"If you show delight and enthusiasm when you read, your child will be enthusiastic too? Never turn reading into a chore."

From "The Read Aloud Handbook" by James Trelease

Holiday Traditions

For December, I will be sending home a "Holiday Traditions" poster. Please fill this out with your child. We will be sharing these with the class as they are returned back to school.

Christmas Around the World Field Trip:

On December 15th, Kindergarten will be going to the St. Albert Public Library for a "Christmas Around the World" program. We will depart the school at 9:00 am and return at 11:15 am. Dismissal time for KAM students will be regular time (11:37am) and K full day will resume as normal. We will eat our snack upon our return to school at 11:30am.

Permission forms for this field trip are due by Dec. 11th at the latest!



Dear Teacher,
Can you give me some pointers on making letters at home?

Dear Pointed Pencil,
This is from "Handwriting Without Tears" by Jan Olsen. "Straight line letters are the easiest to make, then curved lines, then diagonal. Little sayings help kids learn direction and sequence the lines together to make different letters" ...e.g.

T- big line down then put a hat across the top
N- big line down, frog jump to the top, slide down, then up to the top.
L- big line down then across to the side
O- make a magic c, turn it into an o

Happy Writing! Sincerely, Teacher.

Dates to Remember...

- December 1st → PD Day (No School)
- December 4th → Holiday Traditions Posters are due this week! Field Trip forms are due this week too!
- Dec 5th → Advent Liturgy @ 9:15 am. All are welcome to attend and Kindergarten is helping with this liturgy.
- December 11th → JN Christmas Concert (Kindergarten will be performing at 5:30pm show only!
- December 15th → Field trip to the St. Albert Public Library for Christmas Around the World (9:30 am – 11:15 am).
- December 18th → Sock Exchange Gift Due today
- December 21st → PJ Day & Movie/Popcorn Day & Christmas Sock Exchange is today too!
- Dec. 22nd → No Kindergarten
- December 25th to January 7th → Christmas Break, Classes resume January 8th.

Our Themes: Advent & Christmas

Ask Me About...

- What might happen next in a story we are sharing?
- After reading a story, tell me in order, the events that happened in the story
- What does personal space mean in the in a line-up or at circle time?
- Review letters and sounds learned! (p, u, o, x, m, d, t, r, h, a
- December's letters/sounds focus: j, k, f



“In every child who is born, under no matter what circumstances, and of no matter what parents, the potentiality of the human race is born again.

James Agee