



**Wednesday, December 16, 2009**  
**The Last K2 News of 2009!**

# # 85!

Wow! We are almost at the ½ mark of the year. Today we hit School Day

Can you believe it?

This week is jam-packed with activities and report card assessing. Please let me know if you have any planned absences this week, so that I may re-arrange your child's assessments.

### **ADVENT SONG & NATIVITY SHARING**

This is an annual event in the K classrooms. Please have your kinder bring in a SIMPLE Nativity scene. This can be homemade or even drawn; I have seen many simple ones at the dollar store; there are also some Nativity ornaments. The kinders may bring these in on Friday morning (at the normal arrival time!)

Each kinder class will sing their special song at the Grotto beginning at 11:00. This is a short presentation and is standing room only. We will then go to our classroom and say a special blessing over our Nativity scenes. Each kinder will be allowed to share (if they want) something about their Nativity.

When both classes are ready, we will trade rooms and look at the other class' Nativity scenes. We will return, pack up our Nativity scenes and then have a special snack.

I will dismiss at the bell at noon per our school calendar.

### **FAMILY GIFTS From Your Kinder**

We are completing many special "keepsakes" in our class this week. I hope to send these items home on THURSDAY with your kinder. These items are not truly fragile, but may break if handled roughly.

### **WHITE SHOE WARNING!**

All white tennis shoes are a requirement in January. I have taken the information handout from Mrs. Cassavant (our assistant principal) and put it at the end of this newsletter. Please help me by reviewing your child's shoes over the Christmas vacation.

### **UNIFORM ISSUES**

Thank you for following the uniform policy as stated in the calendar/handbook. I want to clarify that your child MAY wear a jacket for outdoor play; this non-uniform jacket may not be worn in the classroom. A school sweater or spirit sweatshirt may be worn both in and outside of the classroom.

**What we are learning this week in K2:**

Religion: We are learning about Jesus and comparing/contrasting how His life was compared to ours (as kinders.) We also discussed that a name is a special present given to a child – and how Jesus got his name. If you have not shared the story of your child's name, I know that they are very interested in knowing how you chose it for them! Also, we learned that Jesus has many titles –names other than Jesus that relate to Him. Here are some common ones.



### **Literacy:**

We are reading from an Advent and Christmas collection of trade books. We will read 2 new books each day and use our comprehension skills to discuss them. We will highlight compare/contrast, story structure (setting & characters), BME (beginning- middle – end), and a new one for the kinders... Point of View. For this skill, we will read Nativity stories as told from the point of view of the animals, Joseph, and Mary.

After our read aloud time, we will create a keepsake for your family. These will come home on Thursday.

We will also work on writing a “friendly letter” and review the 5 parts (the date, greeting, body, closure, your name.) We will write each write a letter to Baby Jesus.

### **Math:**

Oh, I am going to miss this chapter. We are flying through graphs and have learned to tally and interview others! We are able to interpret data and can all name the parts of a graph. We will take the Chapter 5 assessment on Thursday. Yes, Thursday!

### **Odds and Ends:**

I have a few websites that might be handy over the next week. Here they are:

<http://www.alphabet-soup.net/chris/starry.html>

You can write a birthday email to Jesus. Also, there is a wonderful article on why Jesus is better than you know who.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3q-G-t1MGg>

An actual song - Jesus is the Reason for the season! We say this every time I slip up and say the name of the guy with the reindeers. I have told the kinders that, if they will help me and say “Jesus is the reason for the season” after every SC, they will help me remember!

<http://www.noradsanta.org/en/countdown.html>

This website has some kinder friendly activities (click on the Christmas tree for a logic problem! (Too hard for me!) Also you can track SC as he starts out on Christmas eve.

Must go – gotta get my tree down from the storage rack at home!

May God bless you. May your Christmas break be filled with family and fun. May you feel the love of the Christ Child all through the year! Joan B.

# Shoe Policy Reminder for January Start 2010

Insignia must not be larger than a quarter unless stated;  
insignia must be school colors.

Some Examples and Non Examples are listed below.  
Ties only – no slip ons.

## EXAMPLES of Acceptable White Shoes:



Nike Swoosh - OK, but all white is better.



Vans Old School Classic



Vans All White - ties only.



New Balance



New Balance, small amount of color, OK



Adidas All White - OK



OK, minimal "school" color



OK, minimal "school" color

## EXAMPLES of Not Acceptable Shoes:



Sorry, definitely not.



Puma – No, too much color.



Adidas – No, too much color & too large logo



Converse, NO, unless red stripe is blackened



No, too much color.



No, due to red accents



NO, too much color



No, too much color



No, logo is too large



Solid Black - Sorry, not yet. We would like to offer solid black in next year.

*If you are not sure if shoes fit the policy, please send a photo to Mrs. Cassavant at [ecassavant@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:ecassavant@diocesephoenix.org)*