

December Calendar

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Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of November, ready for the December dash. We will only have 9 days of Kindergarten in December before Christmas! It will be here in a flash. I know your children are excited and counting down. If you are like me, the list is longer than the time I have to complete it!

Our Fruit of the Spirit theme for the month of December is “Patience.” Ephesians 4:2 says, “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” What a good month to think about patience! Children need to patiently wait to open those enticing packages under the tree. Parents need patience since there is so much to do in such a short time in December. Isn’t it interesting that often we struggle with patience with those that we love the most?

In **Bible** we will be covering the Christmas stories. We will begin with Zechariah, working through the stories of Christ’s birth, and ending with the Flight to Egypt. We will be using an Advent wreath in our devotions to help us focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Gathering around the Advent wreath is one of my favorite times with your children.

In **Penmanship** and **Phonics** we will cover the letters Cc and Oo. Our new sight words will be **have** and **is**. Any letter/sight word review over Christmas would be great. Here I go again.....***I can’t emphasize enough how practicing the weekly little books gives your child the extra practice needed to get those sight words down and be a confident reader.*** There are links to the reading and math series websites on my SCS website. At the end of this letter you will find a list of all the letters we know along with their cue phrases.

In **Math**, we will be concentrating on numbers up to 20. The “teens” can be a bit tricky because you hear the ones place number first when you say the number. We will work with understanding what these numbers mean.

Our Pizza Ranch reading program continues this month. Our weekly goal is 50 minutes. I know this can get a bit hectic in the days leading up to the Holidays! (Remember to turn in those minutes for November.)

Our theme for **Show and Tell** during the month of December will be to bring or tell something about winter, or bring or tell something about Christmas. Maybe your family has a special Christmas tradition that your child would like to share with the class. Maybe your child could draw a special Christmas picture or share their favorite Christmas song.

November 30: It's Cookie Day. *Please bring one cookie to school and be ready to tell if it is your favorite kind or not.*

December 1: Recite Luke 2:6

Show and Tell: **Tori and Stephen**

December 6: Reading letter and sight word review

And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. Luke 2:7a

Show and Tell: **Makena**

December 7: Are you ready to practice for our program? Let's all wear a smile and have a great day together!

Show and Tell: **Macy**

December 8: Recite Luke 2:6-7a.

Show and Tell: **Haley**

Our Christmas program is tonight at 7:00p.m. I am looking forward to seeing you all there! See the home newsletter for clothing instructions and the time the students need to meet in our classroom.

December 13: Letter: o Sight word: is

Memory Verse: And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

Show and Tell: **Keana**

December 14: Are still JIngling with Joy for Jesus?

Show and Tell: **JD**

December 15: Recite Luke 2:6-7

We are having an "Overnighter" for the letter "Oo" today! Come to school in your PJ's. Bring along your sleeping bag, pillow, a favorite stuffed animal to "sleep" with and clothes for when we "Wake up" at school. (Your child will be coming home at the end of the day ☺)(If you would prefer, they can keep their PJ's on all day!)

Show and Tell: **Dylan**

December 20: No new memory work this week. We will be reviewing!

Show and Tell: **Carson**

December 21: Christmas Party Day! Happy Birthday, JESUS!

Show and Tell: **Aidyn**

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Show and Tell: **Everyone!**

On January 3 we will have our "I had a **F**antastic Christmas" Show and Tell. Your child may bring or tell about one of their Christmas presents or tell about what they did over

Christmas vacation. We will be focused on the letter F for the week. You will receive your new monthly calendar for January on Jan. 3. (One less thing to hang on to over the Holidays, I know how that is!)

Letter Sounds: Your child should say the letter name, then the phrase, and the letter in slashes indicates to say the letter sound. We have been reviewing as we add new letters. Your child should be able to say the entire letter, phrase, and sound by him/herself if you show them the letter. If they know the letter and sound without the cue phrases, that's great and just what we need for reading! Thanks for your help.

Aa-short A, ant on apple /a/

Cc-cute cat /c/

Ii-short I, icky iguana /i/

Mm-moving monkey /m/

Nn- /n/ - neat nest /n/

Oo short o-Ollie Octopus /o/

Pp-pink pig /p/

Ss-sunset /s/

Tt-Tommy Turtle /t/

Have a very blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

In His service,

Mrs. Geels