

**God Centered Education for Life**  
**January Calendar 2012**

Dear Parents,

One of my favorite times is when we pray around the advent wreath the last morning before Christmas break. The children's "popcorn" prayers are just precious. We had a fun party thanks to our wonderful room moms! The students were definitely ready for their break. I hope you enjoyed the extra family time that comes with the holidays and that you were touched again by the gift of Jesus, our Saviour.

Our **Fruit of the Spirit** theme for the month of January is "Kindness." Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." In **Bible** we will be picking up where we left off with Moses. We will begin with the giving of the Ten Commandments and then move on to the story of the golden calf. We will follow the Israelites through the desert and into the Promised Land. We will study about Joshua, Gideon, and Samson seeing how God worked through these men and what we can learn about God through His actions.

In **Penmanship** and **Phonics**, we will cover the letters Ff, Hh, Dd, and Rr. Our sight words will be **play, are, for, and you**. We will also begin working on a play based on a book of Jan Brett. Be watching for your child's part next week. It will be mounted on a piece of construction paper.

In **Math**, we will be concentrating on numbers up to 30. We will begin working on an introduction to some basic geometry and start on fractions toward the end of the month. We will be taking a field trip to Pizza Ranch at the end of the month. Just **Aidyn and Keanna** will need to bring a car seat to school that day.

Our Pizza Ranch reading program continues this month. If you haven't gotten your slip in for December you can still do so! Our Kindergarten goal is **50 minutes per week**.

Our theme for **Show and Tell** during the month of January will focus on 'talent.' Your child may bring something s/he made, colored, drew, etc. They may choose to do their talent for the class: such as sing, do gymnastics, dribble a ball, or whatever they feel they have a talent in. As parents you may need to help them decide what their talent is. Thanks for the extra thought and help you put into this!

As extras for the month of January, we will be studying and doing activities with penguins, winter, and mittens.

Before I close, I would like to thank you and the students for the mini tree and Sheldon Dollars I received for Christmas. It was so kind and thoughtful. Thanks for all your hard work and prayers that make Christian Education a reality for our covenant children.

In Christ,

*Mrs. Geels*

**January 3:** Welcome Back to School!

Letter: Ff Sight Word: play

Memory Verse: Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Joshua 1:8

Show and Tell: **Everyone**

**January 4: Fan Day:** Come dressed wearing your favorite team colors (favorite cartoon character would work or whatever you are a fan of.)

**Be sure your library books are returned today. We will begin checking out 2 books each week.**

Show and Tell: **Aidyn**

**January 5:** Recite Joshua 1:8

Show and Tell: **Carson**

**January 10: Review of Oo/Ff and sight words is/play. We will be working with the word families: at, am, ap, an**

Memory Work: Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Show and Tell: **Dylan**

**January 11: Are you ready to be a worker?**

Show and Tell: **Haley**

**January 12: Do you know your lines for the Mitten?**

Recite Joshua 1:9.

Show and Tell: **JD**

**End of the first semester! We are already half way through Kindergarten!**

**January 17: Letter: Hh Sight word: are**

Memory Work: ...then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15b,d

Show and Tell: **Keanna**

**January 18: HAT DAY! Be sure to wear a hat to school today!**

Show and Tell: **Macy**

**Report cards go home today.**

**January 19:** Recite Joshua 24:15 b,d

Show and Tell: **Makena**

**Tori is half way to her July 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will be celebrating today. Be sure to tell Tori "Happy Half Birthday!" when you see her.**

**January 24: Letters: Dd/Rr Sight Words: for, you**

**Draw a picture of your Dad! Bring it to school and be ready to tell us about him!**

Memory Work: I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

Show and Tell: **Stephen**

**January 25:** Be able to tell two words that are opposites.

**Rainbow Day! Wear bright colors today so that our class looks like a rainbow for the letter Rr.**

Show and Tell: **Tori**

**January 26:** Recite Philippians 4:13

**We will be going on a field trip to the Ranch (Pizza Ranch) for the letter R and also for fractions in Math.**

**January 31:** Sight Words: Review are for you Letters: Review Hh/Dd/Rr Word Families: ad at an ap am

Memory Work: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Psalm 23:1