

Preschool News



December 2021

Our little preschool elves were quite busy this month!

Our literacy activities in December focused on the story, "The Gingerbread Man." The children compared and contrasted different versions of this folk tale. They worked on math concepts based on gingerbread men, and enjoyed art projects that tied in to this theme. Each class used their artistic talents to turn a large cardboard box into a beautiful gingerbread house.

Our Religion lessons centered on Advent, Saint Nicholas, and the Nativity. The children made wreaths and candles to help us count down the weeks until the birth of Jesus Christ. On Saint Nicholas Day they were thrilled to find treats in their shoes after rest time! We attended the school Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as well as Lessons and Carols in the church. And we focused on the story of the Nativity and the birth of our Savior, the "reason for the season."

Winter Wonderland Week was a big hit! We explored Santa's Workshop, where the children worked as elves to make beaded ornaments and they practice their gift wrapping skills. The children made ornaments and "reindeer food" on Reindeer Day. Our little "reindeer" took turns pulling "Santa" on his sleigh in the big room. On Snowman Day, the children made a snowman craft, mixed up some "Snowman Soup," and enjoyed making it snow using the parachute. We topped it all off with a snowball fight in the big room. We all wore our pajamas to school on Grinch Day. We watched the original movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," made a Grinch craft, and experimented with baking soda and vinegar in science to make the Grinch's heart grow.

The children worked tirelessly to perfect their singing and dancing skills for our production of "The Greatest Snowman." One of the favorite songs of the preschoolers was "I Want to be an Elf." The performance was videotaped for the parents' holiday viewing pleasure.



