

# OSLS Kindergarten News



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## This week we:

- \* learned about our new church season that begins this Sunday. Advent is such an exciting season as we anticipate the coming of our Lord! Many at this age know the main event of Jesus coming to Earth to be our Savior, but are unfamiliar with many of the details surrounding His coming. This Advent, take time to share the details with your family. We reviewed the story of the angel's announcement that John would be born. John's ministry was important to prepare the way for the Savior by calling people to repentance. In Advent we prepare our hearts for our coming Lord. We reflect on our need for the Savior and eagerly await Christ's return. During Jesus Time this week we discussed our Advent wreath. It helps us to prepare for the birthday of Jesus. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. I encourage you to set aside some time each evening to have Advent devotions with your family. Another way to prepare for Christmas is by using an Advent calendar or daily countdown of some sort. The students also had fun making little nativity sets to act out the story. It was fun to learn about the shepherds and how God sent a multitude of angels to tell them about the Savior's birth. They had a "multitude" of angel stickers to use for their little nativity sets. We also learned how after Jesus was born the shepherds went to share the Good News that the Savior of the world had come. That is our job too and we are thankful to share the news.
- \* made Advent chains to help the children count the days until the birthday of Jesus. On Saturday, Dec. 1 have your child tear off the first ring. Your child may sing the song on the star with you. It goes to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". The last ring will be removed on Christmas Eve.
- \* also learned the symbolism associated with the candy cane. Have your child tell you how the candy cane reminds us of Jesus. The students made their own candy canes out of pipe cleaners to hang on your tree at home. We had fun learning about how this candy reminds us of Jesus and as we read a special book called **The Candymaker's Gift**.
- \* made paintings of Jesus in a manger. It was especially fun to use the glitter paint. These will be hanging in the hallway outside of our classroom sometime next week. Come take a look at the students' beautiful paintings.
- \* worked on the letter Cc and learned that it really doesn't have a sound of its own. Most of the time it steals the sound of k or s.
- \* learned that we should share the Good News about our Savior with everyone that we can like the shepherds did. It was fun to use the puppet theater to act out the events of the nativity and to share the news that Jesus was born.
- \* made a book called **Christmas Is Coming** to not only review some of our sight words, but to also help you think about all of the decorations and items we have around us that make us think about the Gift of our Savior. Talk about these things with your child. This book will come home next week.

# Upcoming Events

If your child uses extended care at OSLS, please sign up in advance:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0949a8ac2da4f58-december>

**Dec. 21 Kindergarten Christmas Party - 12:30-1:40 p.m. Dismissal will be at 1:50 for EC-K classes (2:00 Grades 1-8)**

Parents of Eden Douglas, Arabella Lipsey, Ella McNeely, Zoey Miller, and Liam Teague will be coordinating this party. If you are on this committee and know you cannot help or attend, let Caitlin Teague know so she can plan accordingly. Thanks!

**Dec. 22-Jan. 6 No School - Christmas Break**

**Jan. 7 School resumes**

**Jan. 21 MLK Day - No School**

**Jan. 24 100th Day of School**

Wear a shirt that contains 100 pictures or things attached to it. Bring a gallon-sized Ziploc bag that contains 100 objects in it. All of the items should be the same, with the exception of color. (i.e. 100 race cars, 100 buttons, 100 chocolate kisses, 100 bows, etc.) Label bag with your child's name. It is fun for the students to dress up with 100 things on an item of clothing. The gallon-sized Ziploc that contains 100 items of like items is in addition to the decorated clothing that each child will wear. Please ask me if you have questions.

**Jan. 27 Kindergarten sings in church at the 10:30a.m. service.  
Please save this date and mark your calendars. Thanks!**

## Homework

**Memory Work for Friday, December 7 is: "Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made . . . had failed." Joshua 21:45**

**Books to Save: Christmas Is Coming**

**First Trimester Words to Save: me, my, go, up, the, I, a, can, red, blue, yellow, green, purple, orange, an, at, black, brown, do, gray, is, like, pink, see, this, we, white, on, in, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, am, and, as, did, saw, that, have, it, in, yes, no, not, has, sees, look, was**

**Second Trimester Words: are, to, need, here, come, you, for, went, now, with**

Put these words on flash cards for your child. Play matching games, Bingo, etc.  
Please review the words listed above regularly with your child. Thanks!

I will ask your child to read these words to me for an assessment. Keep practicing regularly and have your child look for these words in other books you have at home as well. If your child is able to read these words already, encourage your child to use these words in his/her writing. See if he/she can spell them.

★ Practice left and right with your child (right hand / left hand; as well as right side of a paper, or turn

to the left, etc.) Help your child to learn that when you read, the left page always is read before the right page. See if your child can track print. Have him/her find the first word on the page, the last word, etc. How many words are in each sentence? Where is the end of the sentence? Take note of the periods, question marks, exclamation marks, etc. Watch your child track print, one word at a time - left to right, top to bottom.

**Also, please help your child learn to put on his/her shoes and socks independently.**

★ Review the letters Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, and Zz with your child. Help him/her to recognize them out of order. Talk about their sounds. **Practice printing them.**

★ Help your child to hold a pencil correctly. Only the pointer finger should be on top of the pencil.