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**From the desk of Mrs. Walrath**  
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**Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Statement**

We are a Catholic community of faith striving to follow Jesus, pledging each day to do our best by imitating St. Francis of Assisi as "instruments of peace." Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment and to be academically prepared for this technological age.

## **December 2009**

# **Kindergarten Newsletter**



**Monthly Themes: "The Advent Season", "Our Five Senses", "Faith, Hope, Love and Joy", and "Christmas around the World."**

**Dates to Remember**

**Throughout the Month of December:**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - Dress Down Day - Red and Green \$1.00**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> - Holy Day Mass 8:45**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> - Ornament Day**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> - Santa's Workshop**

December 13<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast with Santa

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Concert - Noon Dismissal

Please join us! Our class will be on the right side of the stage.

December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Last full day of school - vacation begins

Vacation: December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>

\*More information about these dates and events can be found on our school website ...[www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org) (Weekly News)

- ✓ This week is the first week of the Advent season. The children will be learning that the Advent season is a time to prepare for Christmas. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about the Advent season and the Holy family, as we are getting ready for Jesus' birthday. We will also discuss the type of "presents" Jesus might like for his birthday. The children will learn that Jesus wants us to have faith, to be loving towards each other, and to be filled with joy and peace. We, as a class, will be focused on these character traits as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- ✓ In math this month, we will be learning about comparing numbers. We will also practice using problem solving skills to identify, to order, to sequence and to compare numbers. In addition, we will also begin learning about 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional geometric shapes, such as circles, squares, rectangles, spheres, cubes, and rectangular prisms.
- ✓ In language arts this month, we will continue to practice phonemic skills in reading and writing words by identifying the sounds letters make and blending sounds of letters together to read and write new words. In addition, we will continue to learn to read new books from our reading program. The children are doing very well as they are learning to read and write. We are very excited about this new phase of kindergarten, as this is their first real step in independent reading.
- ✓ We will continue to learn about safety with our T.A.T. program this month. This program is designed to teach children safety skills. The objectives of our next few lessons are to teach the children about safe and unsafe touches.

- ✓ As we are "Letting Our Lights SHINE" in kindergarten this month our class will be working with their fifth grade buddies to make special cards to show we care for our soldiers. We will be mailing the cards to our soldiers in time for Christmas. If there is someone special you know serving our country that would like to receive some of our cards please let us know!
- ✓ Our class is now preparing for our Christmas Concert. Our Christmas Concert is Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We will let you know about the time as soon as possible. Please join us for this special event. The children will need to wear red, green, or white turtlenecks and black pants for the Christmas concert.
- ✓ Thank you to all who donated items for our Thanksgiving baskets. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Please check out our school website for more information...[www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org)!!!



We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable holiday vacation with your family and friends. May the joy and peace of this blessed season fill you home with love.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Walrath and Miss Matta