

Christmas

December 2019

Good Sam News

We want to take a moment to thank all of our Good Sam families for choosing us as your second home. We absolutely love each one of your children. May God bless everyone during this holiday season. We wish happiness and health in the New Year.

School closed Dec 23- Jan 3rd

Enjoy the holiday break with family and friends!

Donation Tree

A donation tree is located in the Sanctuary, providing toys and gifts for very low-income children. Please bring Christmas joy to families that may not have as much as we do. God bless you.

Giving Tree

It's that time of year again and the giving tree is in full bloom. Please take a look at our tree. If you're feeling the Christmas spirit,

grab an ornament and head to the office ☺

Christmas Sing-A-Long and Pasta Dinner December 13th at 5:00pm

Please join us on December 13th for our Pasta dinner and Sing-A-Long. Dinner will start at 5pm and the preschool children will open up the festivities by performing at 6pm. There will be special appearances by Santa, Rudolf, and Frosty. We hope to see the whole family!

Instead of our traditional potluck, we're asking Preschool and church families to bring cookies for munching during the Sing-a-Long. We'll be snacking in the sanctuary, so please don't bring anything gooey or with frosting, or that needs to be eaten with utensils.

Handwashing

Please remember to wash your child's hands before drop off and at

pickup time. It's the flu season, and washing hands prevents the spread of germs. Help us to keep those nasty germs away. Thank you

Review your Cubbie clothes

Winter has arrived. Please check your child's cubbie. It's time to replace those shorts and short sleeve shirts with long pants and sweaters. You may also find that your child's clothing size has gone up since you last stocked the cubbie. Make sure your child always has a warm jacket at school. Rain boots are nice for jumping in puddles after the rain stops. And, of course, remember to label everything.

Dates to Remember

- Dec 13: Christmas dinner and Sing-a-long 5:00pm (school closes at 5:30)
- Dec 23rd-Jan 3rd: School closed for Christmas holiday
- Jan 20th: School closed for Martin Luther King Day

Ladybugs

Happy holiday season, everyone! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. This past month, the children have made amazing leaps in motor skill growth like walking and climbing, and learning more words and signs to communicate their wants and needs. They have also been working very

hard on learning to share toys and be gentle; you may have seen them giving hugs and saying hello and goodbye to each other! While the Ladybug children do not perform in the Christmas program, we welcome all of our families to attend the dinner and watch the older children perform.

Teddy Bears

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends. December is here! We will be doing 3 weeks full of holiday art, activities, and songs. We will be singing songs like Jingle bells, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and Frosty.

The school and the church will be working together to put on a wonderful Christmas dinner and sing-a-long to usher in the holiday season. Also, many special guests will be there such as Santa, Frosty, and even Rudolph.

Happy Holidays,
Ms. Maria, Ms. Huiling, and Ms. Co

Flowers

It's hard to believe that November is over, and yet it was filled with many exciting activities, and now December is already here! The Flower Room has had so much fun this past month learning about what it means to be thankful and sharing what we are especially thankful for.

They are really growing as a classroom family, and as time passes, they are learning every day how to respect and care about their other classmates.

As we move on to the month of December, we will spend lots of time talking about how to show kindness and giving to others. We will be working on special Christmas presents for our families. We will continue introducing the alphabet, number, colors and shapes. As for the weekly themes, we will talk about The Planets, Kwanzaa and Christmas. And as our Christmas celebration is fast approaching, we will be learning our Christmas songs in hopes that Santa makes a special guest appearance.

We wish you and your family a happy, healthy holiday season.
Ms. Lyn Ms. Nazia

Rainbow

Hello rainbow room families, It's been such a fun and wonderful couple of months. Thank you to all the families who contributed to our Thanksgiving party. The children have been practicing songs for the Christmas program. They are so excited about it. Please continue to label all your stuff with your child's name. It's always a good idea to bring a jacket to school. You just never know what the weather will be.

We are wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Ms. Dee, Ms. Grace, and Ms. Gouri.

Alpaca

Hello Alpaca Room families! Wow our year is flying by and it is already December! This month we look forward to learning about our five senses and Christmas! In our five senses study we will discover different textures, tastes, sounds, and smells! We will go on hunts around the classroom and use our binoculars to find hidden objects. We will develop our scissor skills, make our very own smelly play dough, and paint with blindfolds on. It will be a fantastic week of learning and discovery. The next two weeks of December will be dedicated to learning about what Christmas means and why we celebrate Christmas at Good Samaritan. We will read the Christmas story, sing songs from our advent calendar, and play lots of Christmas themed games. Alpacas will be hard at work practicing our Christmas songs for the program December 13th. We will be singing "Go Tell it on the Mountain", "Away in a Manger", and a special song called "I Have Something in My Pocket". Feel free to practice these songs at home! We hope to see you at the

Christmas celebration at 5:00 for dinner and the show! Good Samaritan will be closed December 23rd to January 3rd for the Holidays.

Ms. Lydia & Ms. Maria

Butterfly

November was a month to be thankful for our families, friends, and teachers. The butterflies were also introduced to healthy foods using the MyPlate icon. MyPlate icon helps your child eat a variety of foods while encouraging the right amount of calories and fat.

Additionally, talking about the benefits and importance of healthy foods can encourage children to try new foods. To learn more about MyPlate icon visit

<https://www.choosemyplate.gov/browse-by-audience/view-all-audiences/children/health-and-nutrition-information>. In December,

the children will learn about traditions around the world, and Christmas. We welcome all families to join us for our annual Christmas show/potluck on Friday, December 13, at 5:30pm. We hope to see all families there :) Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

-Ms. Esther

Hedgies

Hello Heggie Parents! WOW! This month flew by very fast! We are now onto our last month of the year!! We learned so much in November! We learned about some wildwood animals, new letters, numbers, and did a cool science experiment! Our students are getting better at recognizing the letters that we have learned so far (A-K) and are also recognizing what sounds each one of them make. We have more learning to do before the year ends and have fun art activities for December. We will be focusing on only one theme in December since it will be a short and busy month.

Thank you everyone who brought something to our Thanksgiving potluck! We all enjoyed the food and your company!

-Ms. Vanessa

If you need a sitter for some of the days during Christmas break please feel free to reach out to me.

I am available December 23, 26, 27, 30, and January 2 & 3:).

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Thanks:~!