

# Christmas

December 2020

Good Sam News

We want to take a moment to thank all of our Good Sam families for choosing us as your second home. For being supportive, loving, and patient during these unfamiliar times. You may never understand how much it has meant to us that you have been here through our darkest of times. That you trust in us to take care of your most precious of gifts that God has given you. Thank you will never be enough. We are humbled and grateful for all of our families. May God bless everyone during this holiday season and bring health and peace to our world in the New Year. Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year.

## Christmas Program

We can't believe it is already that time of year again. So, our Christmas program will obviously be much different this school year. As much as we want to spend a

wonderful evening singing, dancing, dining, and sharing fellowship. It just isn't the time to do so. We pray next year we will all get to celebrate the Christmas season together once again. This year the children will indeed still sing their songs for their families. Each class will sing a Christmas carol or two, and we will combine together to get one amazing video that we will send out on our last day of school before the break. The children are excited to share their songs with their families. We are also expecting a special guest from the North Pole to leave a very special message for all our children.

## Giving Tree/Book Tree

This Christmas season, our Giving Tree is a little different. Teachers have listed age-appropriate books they would love to have in their classrooms. Reading to even the

youngest of children stimulates the part of the brain that allows them to understand the meaning of language and helps build key language, literacy and social skills.

Not only does reading help with language, but it helps nurture important family time and class time. It connects the child to the reader, and sends them on a journey into their imagination.

There are three ways to donate books. You can select an ornament or two and purchase the books yourself, or bring the ornaments to the office and we will buy the books from Scholastic and bill your account, or you can log in to [Scholastic.com/bookclubs](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs)  
Username: **gsbooks**  
Password: **readingisfun**  
and charge them to your credit card.

The advantage of buying through Scholastic is that the Preschool earns credits for additional books.

Thank you in advance for helping us promote reading in the classroom and at home.

#### PPE at school

It is getting harder and harder for the school to get PPE materials in quantity. We need your help please. When you are at Target, Costco, Smart and Final, etc. shopping for your weekend supplies and you see any of the following please please grab an extra one for us 😊

1. Disinfecting wipes
2. Hand sanitizer (large containers)
3. Vinyl gloves: medium and large
4. Disposable masks

We would greatly appreciate it.

#### Traveling and what that means From the California Department of Public Health.

COVID-19 is surging in much of the country, and most California counties are in the **purple tier**. Persons arriving in California from other states or Californians returning from other states or countries could increase the risk of local COVID-19 spread. In addition, travel itself can be a risk for exposure to COVID-19, particularly travel through shared conveyance such as air, bus or rail travel.

#### Travel Advisory for Non-Essential Travel Nov 30-Dec 21.

1. As of Nov 30, persons returning from a location greater than 150 miles from Santa Clara County, must **self-quarantine** for 14 days after arrival. This requirement does not apply to individuals who are arriving to provide medical care, or to receive medical treatment.
2. Recreational travel out of the region is strongly discouraged. Avoiding travel can reduce the risk of virus transmission.

### Virtual Chapel Resuming in December

Starting in December the upstairs classes will once again be attending chapel, but only online. This will be on Wednesdays at 10am with Pastor Rajiv. He will sing songs, tell simple bible stories, and connect with the children. We are looking forward to getting back to chapel next month.

### Dates to remember

December 21-January School closed

January 18<sup>th</sup>- Presidents Day, school closed

### Teddy Bear News

December activities will be hands-on so the children can experience holiday traditions. We will introduce festive colors like: red, white and green. During Circle Time, we will sing Christmas songs and read holiday stories.

As weather permits we will still be having outside time on the playground. Please be sure to bring warm clothes and a jacket to school. Running and climbing is part of developing large motor skills.

Sadly, this year we will not be having our traditional Christmas program and potluck. The Teddy Bears will have a special celebration in our classroom on the last day of school before the Christmas break, December 18<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to bring a treat to share during snack

time. We wish for you a safe and fun holiday break.

-Ms. Maria, Ms. Co, Ms. Huiling

### Flower Room December Newsletter

It's hard to believe that November is over, but 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 everyday how to respect and care about their classmates.

As we move on to the month of December, we will spend lots of time talking about how to show kindness and give to others. We will be working on special Christmas presents for our families. We will continue introducing the alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes. As for the weekly themes, we will talk about The Planets, Kwanzaa and Christmas, along with creating decorations and singing a fun song.

I wish you all a holiday season filled with peace, joy and happiness.

-Ms. Lyn

### Rainbow News

Hello Rainbow room families!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. Last month we

learned the letters M, N and O. The children have been learning to recognize the letters of the alphabet, starting with the letters in their names.

This month we continue learning our letters: P, Q, and R. Our art/craft activities will be related to our letters of the week. Our theme for the whole month of December is Christmas. We will be doing plenty of art activities related to our theme. We also plan a virtual Christmas song performance for parents and grandparents! It will be a fun activity for the kids.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.  
-Ms. Dee

#### Alpaca News

Hello Alpaca Parents,  
Season's Greetings! November was beautiful! We learned about fish, great and small, their eggs, their babies, and the type of water bodies they exist in. We all touched and looked at the beautiful Golden Snapper fish. We learned about Autumn and went walking in the parking lot exploring the changing colors of the leaves. We discussed all the people we loved and how we are thankful for them. December is a super fun month for all of us, with loads of singing. We will be exploring the butterfly life cycle for the first two weeks, and later we will learn all about the Christmas

story, do fun arts and crafts and try a bit of baking before our Christmas party!

-Ms. Sneha

#### Bumblebee News

Wow, it's December already! The Bumblebees have had an amazing start to their year! We are learning, sharing and discovering so well together. This December we are going to begin by learning about reptiles: what are they, how are they born, where they live. We will make reptile habitats and our own scaly reptiles! Then we will study Christmas and Hannukah, what they are and why people celebrate them. We will make family Christmas presents and trees! Looking forward to a fun filled couple of weeks! The school closure begins December 21 and runs until January 1. School will reopen on January 4.

Best wishes,  
-Ms. Lydia

#### Hedgie News

Hello Hedgie family! Another month has gone by too fast! We have learned so much: new sight words, and about different things we build. We learned about bridges, walls, and stonehenges! The Hedgehogs were engineers and had a chance to build these things. They also learned -am words! & we learned how to use them in a sentence.

For our last month of the year, our theme will be "Christmas Around the World". The Hedgies will learn what special Christmas traditions people celebrate in Mexico, Germany, Korea, and China:). We will also be learning our classroom Christmas song, "Feliz Navidad"!

-Ms. Vanessa

Important Dates:

- December 21- Jan 1: Christmas Break
- RETURNING SCHOOL JAN 4, 2021

### Turtle News

Happy Holidays, Turtle Room Parents,

This month has gone by in a flash! We had a great time on our Veteran's Day walk and enjoyed eating pizza and watching Flubber. All of your students continue to work hard in their studies, and we are very proud of them.

We have temporarily set up the chapel (the larger room next to ours) with further separated learning stations. Whenever we can sneak in some physical activity during morning breaks, we are shuttling children down to the fellowship hall or outside to run off some energy. For lunch, afternoon breaks, and when students are finished with assignments and zoom meetings, we go outside, to the fellowship hall, or stay in the Turtle rooms for games, puzzles and art.

At all times we make available books and exploratory materials for art, science, math and other individual activities.

During the month of December, we have some Christmas projects and of course practicing for our virtual Christmas program.

Thank you all for all the support you give to us during these unforeseen times.

Sincerely,

-Ms. Maria and Ms. Sarah