

# OSLS PRESCHOOL 2015 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## Christmas Advent: Watch...Wait...Wonder!

As we each are actively preparing for the season of advent, where do we spend time to focus on **watching-waiting-wondering** about the story of Christmas? Do we create a space for conversations with God during this holy season? Do we reflect on the visible signs of Gods presence among us? Do we strive to serve others before ourselves? All of these questions can be quite contemplating and reflective during this busy and high-paced season! During Advent we can all admit that our lives can become about the calendar on the fridge vs. the calendar of the gifts that Advent brings. The countdown that occurs during advent brings a hopeful story of a prophet, a journey to Bethlehem, joyful shepherds and peace proclaiming angels. Each of these details are what Christ is nudging us to focus on. We can't say exactly what it would look like if our calendars were filled with days of devotion, prayer, or reflection vs. parties and shopping deadlines, but we do know that the season of joy and thanksgiving is a true gift to each of us to share unto others the great news of a wondrous birth! The contagious and intentional actions of living out the reflections of Advent and the birth of Christ is our greatest mission and what a beautiful time to do so such as the countdown to Christmas! OSLS Preschool invites you to **watch** your children discover the birth of Christ-**Wait** for the questions that come-**Wonder** where your child will be inspired to ignite their own passions of serving others like Christ, as they hear the story of sweet Jesus!

Merry Christmas OSLS Preschool-may you each enjoy the wonders of every Christmas blessing around you!

*Take care and blessings to you all, Katherine L.Yeakel OSLS Preschool Director*

## December Reminders



December 10th & 11th  
Preschool Christmas Recitals

December 15th & 16th  
Reading Buddies Visit

December 17th & 18th  
Christmas Celebrations

December 21st-January 1st  
OSLS Preschool CLOSED

December 20th  
Cookies with Santa

December 24th  
Preschool Christmas Eve  
Service at 3pm



**Verse of the Month:**  
Love is not boastful

*Luke 18:9-14*

**Service Project of the Month:**  
The Giving Tree!

*Collect a tag from our Giving Tree to help  
bring a new pair of shoes for a child in need!*

**Chapel offerings for the  
month will be given to:**  
Boys & Girls Club of America

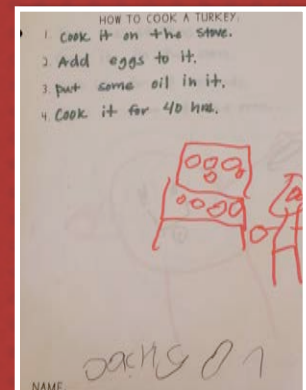
# A December Note from your Teachers!

**Mrs. Waugh:** The Christmas season is here and we will have a very busy few weeks! We will be working on Holiday projects, and learn about how Christmas is celebrated in other countries around the world as well as at home. If you hear your child singing Christmas songs, it's because we have already been hard at work practicing special Christmas songs for our Christmas Recital on December 10th and 11<sup>th</sup>, and are looking forward to this wonderful event! We will also be reading and learning about the story of Jesus' coming and the story of the Manger and the birth of Christ. We end December with an Around the World Celebration, bringing in favorite cultural dishes for our Christmas parties on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. I wish you ALL a very safe and blessed holiday season!

**Mrs. Hardison:** The holidays are such an exciting time in our classroom. This month we will be exploring all things Christmas...especially the birth of Jesus! We will also be exploring branches and sticks, along with concepts such as measuring and comparing amounts, patterning, name writing, and matching upper case letters. Donations of new or gently used Christmas ribbons, bows, unwanted Christmas cards, and wrapping paper for our help-yourself desk would be gratefully appreciated during the first week of December.

**Mrs. Micallef:** Our December unit will take us on a cultural journey; the books, video clips, activities, and discussions will allow the children to learn about the variety of ways different people celebrate the holidays. Most importantly our discussion on **CHRISTMAS** will have a traditional commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ. According to accounts from the Holy Bible, Jesus was born to Mary, assisted by her husband Joseph, in the city of Bethlehem. The birth took place in a stable, surrounded by farm animals. Different countries have their own body of traditions. We will be incorporating all domains of development (socio-emotional, cognitive and physical) while learning what constitutes these holiday celebrations!

**Mrs. Wohlfarth:** The month of December will be all about celebrating the story of Christmas! We will be creating art with parent volunteers to decorate our chapel for the Christmas program. There will be a life size nativity scene for the children to act out the story of Christmas for the peers. And each week we will "travel" around the world to learn how different cultures celebrate the birth of our king!!



Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens! James 1:17