

# K5 Newsletter

Week of December 16, 2021

**Literacy Focus:** identify the main idea and key details in the text

**Letter of the Week:** Dd

**Word Family:** OP Family

**Sight Words:** stop, into, are

**Math Focus:** The students are learning to add numbers to 10.

## Upcoming Events:

**12/20** Christmas Concert Out of Uniform Day  
**12/21** December Birthdays Out of Uniform Day (Jasan & Annabelle)  
**12/22** 11am Dismissal  
**12/22** Cousins Sub Day  
**12/23-1/2** Christmas Break No School  
**1/3** Classes Resume  
**1/15** Teacher Inservice No School

**Outside Time:** Students should always have the proper clothing for outdoor recess.  
Wearing tennis shoes and having a sweater or sweatshirt at school is a good layer to have incase of cooler or windy days.

## Teacher Message

Hello K5 Families!

This month we are focusing on holidays around the world. This is our last week learning about the holiday traditions all around the world. We are learning how they are similar to and different from our family traditions.

**Literacy:** Our stories this week are focused on traditions and information about the certain country we are traveling to. On Monday, we read a story about what children do in Sweden to celebrate the Christmas season.. Tuesday, we read the Legend of the Candy Cane and how it reminds us of Jesus. Thursday, we are reading a story about Las Posadas, a celebration of Mary and Joseph finding a place to stay in Bethlehem. Next week, we will finish up with a story about Kwanzaa and talking about the traditions we have in the USA. We will also read a Christmas story and focus on the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

**Social Studies:** We are traveling around the world learning about different holiday and christmas traditions throughout the world. This week, we have and will be traveling to Sweden, Mexico, Kwanzaa, and our own family traditions. For each country, we are writing down some facts we learned and doing a special craft that goes with that country.

**Religion:** We also talked about how God will always be with us and help us to be brave. We added our 3rd candle to our advent wreath. Our saint this week is St. Francis Xavier. Our virtue this week is the virtue of Hope. Hope is a theological virtue that leads us to trust. When we are trusting in God, we have hope for the future. Next week, we will be adding our fourth candle and talking about the Christmas story.

**Math:** We are continuing our work in addition. We are learning that to add, we put numbers together to make a bigger number. We are working on listening to addition story problems and finding the missing information to complete our number sentence. We are also talking about ways that we can make bigger numbers. For instance, some ways to make 9 are  $4+5 = 9$  and  $2+7=9$ .

St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!