## K5 Newsletter Week of December 15, 2023

Literacy Focus: identify the characters, setting, and major events of the story.

Letter of the Week: Word Family: ID Family Sight Words: Review

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

## **Upcoming Events:**

12/18 Mission T-Shirt Out of Uniform Day

12/19 December Birthdays Out of Uniform (Halia, Kora, Zander) 12/25-1/2 No School - Christmas Break

1/3 Classes Resume

1/7 Cousins Sub Day - Fundraiser

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 week we continued our journey to other countries around the world to learn all about their holiday traditions.

Literacy and Social Studies: 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 Las Posadas, a celebration of Mary and Joseph finding a place to stay in Bethlehem. Tuesday, we read about the Gingerbread Girl and how she outfoxed the fox. On Wednesday, we read a story about what children do in Sweden to celebrate the Christmas season and how they celebrate St. Lucia's feast day. Thursday, we traveled to India and learned about their traditions and the celebration of Diwali. Friday, we read a story about Hanukkah and the Jewish traditions in Israel.

Religion: Our saint of the week was St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our virtue of the week is hope. We talked about how long the people waited, hoped, and trusted in God that He would send the Messiah. We talked about how we should always have hope that God will be with us and help us in our daily lives so we can go to heaven. We talked about the second week of advent being focused on peace and shared messages of peace with our classmates, buddies, and school staff. Our Bible story this week was about Samson. We talked about how it is important to always surround ourselves with good friends who lead us closer to God. We also talked about not listening to people or friends who are trying to get us to do bad things.

**Math**: We started our unit about addition. We are learning that to add, we put groups of numbers together to make a bigger number. We are working on listening to addition story problems and finding the information needed to draw a picture and figure out the answer.

St. Juan Diego, pray for us!

## Christmas Program















