

# K5 Newsletter

Week of December 1, 2023

**Literacy Focus:** Compare and contrast our traditions with other traditions around the world.

**Letter of the Week:** Nn

**Word Family:** IN Family

**Sight Words:** what, they, then

**Math Focus:** The students are learning to categorize and classify objects.

## Upcoming Events:

**12/3** Cousins Sub Fundraiser

**12/13** Christmas Program 1pm & 6:30pm

**12/25** No School - Christmas Break

**1/3** Classes Resume

**Outside Time:** Winter weather has come. Please make sure your student has a hat, 1-2 pairs of mittens, boots, snow pants, and a winter coat. An extra change of socks and pants is a good thing to add for the extremely wet snowy days.

**\*Boots will only be worn outside. Please make sure your student has a pair of school appropriate shoes for inside the building.**

## Teacher Message

Hello K5 Families!

This month we are focusing on holidays around the world. Each week, we will visit 4 different countries and learn all about the traditions in those countries. We are learning how they are similar to and different from our own family traditions.

**Literacy:** Our stories this week are focused on traditions and information about the certain country we are traveling to. On Monday, we focused on thinking about our own family traditions and how we celebrate Christmas in the United States. On Tuesday, we read a gingerbread man story and we will be doing a fun science experiment on Friday. On Wednesday, we read a story about Christmas in Australia and how Santa travels through the sand with 6 snow white boomers (kangaroos). On Thursday, we read a story about the traditions in England. On Friday, we read a story about a Baker who learned to be generous like St. Nicholas.

**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 Australia, England, and The Netherlands. For each country, we are writing down some facts we learned and doing a special craft that goes with that country and the story we read.

**Religion:** This week we listened to the bible story about Moses and how God gave him the 10 Commandments. We talked about the 7 Sacraments and how they are a sign from God and give us the gift of His grace. We also learned about the Liturgical year and the colors that are associated with it.

**Math:** We have started a new unit that is focusing on categorizing and classifying objects. This helps us to sort things into groups and be able to count and compare the groups as we sort them. We are practicing using tally marks. At home, a great activity would be for your student to use tally marks when counting big groups of objects.

**Advent Service Project:** Hope for those without Homes.

The K5 class is responsible for providing snack crackers (a minimum of 12 snack-size bags). These need to be individually wrapped store bought items. For example, it could be something like Goldfish crackers or Cheez-It crackers.