

DECEMBER



I hope you all enjoy a wonderful
Advent Season with your family!
Love, Mrs. Connolly Leason



It is hard to believe that it is already time to prepare for Christmas! We have had a busy few months together. The students are well entrenched into a routine. It has been so joyful to observe the student growth over these last few months! During the Advent season, our classes will be learning about the story of Christmas. Our Christmas Celebration will be a birthday party for Jesus! I hope that during the upcoming Advent season your family can find the time to talk about Jesus and help the children prepare their hearts for Him.



We have had some personal clothing items go missing. I ask that you please ensure that all clothing items your child brings to school are well labeled with their name! Boots and snow pants are especially tricky because so many look the same! Remember that the children do go outside to the park on some days and should have appropriate clothing at school daily. Thanks!



We have also been talking about healthy snacks! We will continue to reinforce this with our healthy snack program all year. Water is preferred over juice. Thank you with your support in sending nutritious snacks for your child!

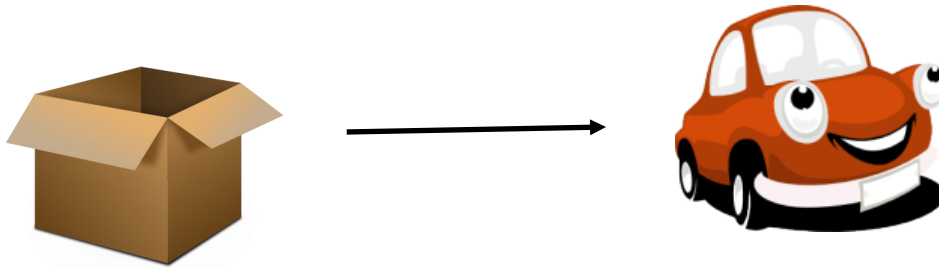


The school newsletter is available each month on the school website at:

<http://sisterannatabrockman.ecsd.net/> Go to the site, look for "NEWSLETTERS" and go down to "Kindergarten Newsletters". Hope this helps to keep you informed!



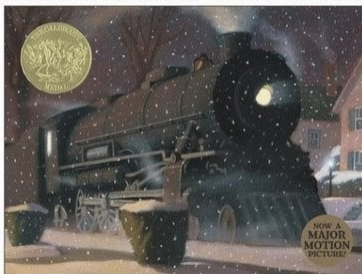
During November we began a major project with our cardboard boxes! Our provocation was a wonderful story called "Not A Box"! In the story, the character kept pretending that his box was something other than a box, using his imagination to create so many fun things to play with! We took this idea and then read "If I Built a Car" by Chris Van Dusen and began to design our own cars! We planned the outside as well as the inside! Trying to follow our plans, we transformed our cardboard boxes into the cars! Each one is a special creation! Details have been added and some changes made along the way! Students even created license plates that went on! Each day we have been singing our shared reading car song and making car patterns. Every child made a car book to practice reading! The finale will be the Drive-in Movie Day on Friday, November 27th!!!! Movie choice has not yet been decided!



Our projects for December will be preparing for Christmas. We will be doing a daily lighting of the Advent wreath to help the children understand that Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for Jesus' birth! Our activities will include some Santa activities of course, but mainly we will be working to help the students understand that Christmas is Jesus' birthday! Some of our specific activities will be counting down the days until Christmas, making a Christmas pattern, writing to Santa, sorting, grouping into sets and quite a few days of discussing and preparing ourselves to become the "special lights" of Christmas! Our letters for December will be Aa - Advent, Jj - Jesus and Cc - Christmas tree. We are also going to have a special candy cane day where we will learn about how this special candy actually represents Jesus!!



THE POLAR EXPRESS



Polar Express Pajama Party!

On Thursday, December 17th, the kindergarten will have their Polar Express Pajama Party! Students are invited to wear their pajamas to school and one of the activities will be reading the story The Polar Express. There are no classes on December 18th for the kindergarten students. (The short Thursday is switched to the Friday for Christmas vacation!!)