

December 2009

All Saints Preschool

15915 Excelsior Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345

952.934.3552 www.allsaintsmtka.org

As one of my favorite carols begins, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." especially here at preschool! It is such a joy to celebrate this magical time of year with these little ones as we learn about the importance of friends, families, and God's wonderful gift of baby Jesus!

This week Pastor Tim Johnson will tell the children the story of Jesus' birth in the sanctuary. The children will also begin to work on some special gifts for their families. Next week, retired All Saints teacher Mary Ann Draayer will have a fun birthday party for baby Jesus with each class. Then later in the month we have had a message from the

North Pole that Santa may actually make a visit to our school (Shh! It's a surprise!).

Finally, to cap off the month's festivities, the children and teachers are working very hard to prepare for our family Christmas programs on the 17th and 18th. See below for more information about this special event.

All of us here at All Saints Preschool wish you and your family a very joyous and blessed Christmas Season! Thank you for being part of our preschool family~

All Saints Preschool

December



Christmas Programs! Thursday, December 17:
AM: 2 & 4 day classes
PM: 3 & 4 day classes

December 17 & 18 Friday, December 18:
AM: 3 day classes

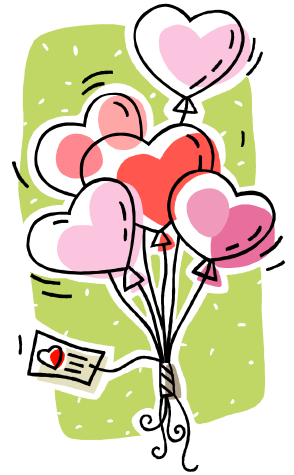
AM: 9:30 ***Children come to school at the regular time and then are dismissed early after cookies.
PM: 1:00



Please sign up to bring a dozen cookies to share!

After the Christmas program, children, families and teachers will share cookies in the Big Room. The sign-up sheet to bring cookies will be posted soon in the hall near Snickers.

All Saints Preschool



Please consider a donation in lieu of a teacher gift...

Several years ago, we began a tradition of asking families to consider a monetary donation to a good cause instead of a teacher gift at Christmas. This year the staff has chosen the All Saints Preschool Love Fund. This fund supports families who have difficulty making tuition payments due to a financial need or emergency. Due to our challenging economic times, this fund has been used at a faster rate than usual. A donation would be tax deductible and would be used exclusively to help families keep their children in preschool during tough times. If you choose to participate, please place your donation in the wrapped present box that will be provided in the hall. A note to your child's teacher that a donation has been made in her honor is always appreciated~ ☺



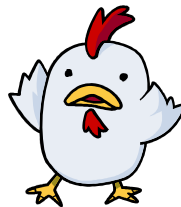
December Songs and Finger Plays

Fun Fridays Begin January 8th!!

We still have some room in our "young preschoolers" class which begins January 8th. Children must be 3 by April 15 to participate. Class meets once per week from 9 -11:30 am. Please let Carla know if you are interested.

Hush Little Rooster...

Hush little rooster
with your cock-a-
doodle-do,
Hush little kitten
with your mew, mew,
mew.
Hush puppy dog with your bow-
wow-wow,
Please don't moo-moo, Mrs. Cow.
Hush, hush, hush...Jesus is sleep-
ing in the manger right now.
Hush, hush, hush...Jesus is sleep-
ing in the manger right now.



Here is the Chimney...

Here is the chimney
(make a fist with thumb tucked
inside);
Here is the top
(place palm of other hand over
your fist);
Open the lid (lift your hand
back);
And Out Santa will
pop!
(Pop your thumb out
of your fist);
Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry
Christmas!



Mark your new 2010 calendars now for our very special Dad's Nights coming in January!

- Monday, January 25 for Mon/Wed/Fri classes and Fun Fridays class
- Tuesday, January 26 for 2 and 4 day classes
 - AM classes come from 6:00 -6:45 PM.
 - PM classes come from 7:00—7:45 PM.

*Dad's Nights
are coming!!*

Giving thanks to you and yours...

If you are interested in joining the All Saints Pre-school email Prayer List please let Carla know. This has been a wonderful way to support the families in our program and to feel more connected to our school.



Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions of food and children's clothing last month! You donated over 680 pounds of food and \$118 to ICA and over 30 bags of clothing to Knight's Closet. Both programs were so very grateful.

Also, many thanks for the wonderful contributions of supplies! We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Items we can always use include:

- 5 ounce cups & napkins
- Washable markers
- Large glue sticks
- Paper plates

Thank you, too, for families who have donated a children's book in honor of their child's birthday. This special tradition has added many wonderful books to our preschool library.

A special thank you to Mrs. Len and Mrs. Ambrose for the amazing Paul Klee presentation. The children learned so much and had loads of

fun trying his art techniques!



"For unto us a child is born..."

2010-2011 Registration Begins...

Registration for the 2010-11 school year begins November 30 for current and former families. A registration form and a description of available classes is attached to this newsletter.

Please let your friends and neighbors know

that registration for new families begins December 14. We truly rely on and welcome your recommendations! Those interested may call or email Carla at 952.934.3552 or cnelson@allsaintsmtka.org schedule a tour. ☺

A Message from Pastor Tim...

As advent begins our thoughts center on keeping Jesus the focus of the season. Helping our little ones prepare for the best gift ever given...The Christ Child...is a gift that will last for their lifetimes.

We hope you will join us for the All Saints Family Christmas Festival this coming Sunday, December 6 from . Please know you are also

very welcome to join us for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship as listed on the calendar on the back of this newsletter. May God bless your family as you seek to keep "The Reason" your focus in this blessed season.

~Pastors Tim Johnson

