

ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER – 2018



“It is a miracle if you can find true friends, and it is a miracle if you have enough food to eat, and it is a miracle if you get to spend your days and evenings doing whatever it is you like to do, and the holiday season- like all the other seasons – is a good time to tell stories of miracles, and to think about the miracles in your own life and to be grateful for them.” Lemony Snicket

The holidays are coming and your children are getting very excited. They love to sing Christmas songs and learn about the birth of Baby Jesus. The St. Edmund's Nursery School Board and Staff wish all of our families a wonderful, meaningful and memorable holiday season. We feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to teach and love your children and thank you all for your support as well. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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CONCEPT: Giving, Loving, Sharing and Understanding the Beauty and Magic of Christmas
Christian Quality: Joy and Celebration
Bible Verse: “A Savior Has Been Born” - Luke 2:11

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Monday, Dec. 3 - Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes 10:10
- Tuesday, Dec. 4 - Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes 10:10
- Thursday, Dec. 6 - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-Shirt or sweatshirt
- Friday Dec. 7 - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-Shirt or sweatshirt
- Thursday, Dec. 6 - Christmas sing along & tree decorating – T/Th classes @ 11:15
- Friday, Dec. 7 - Christmas sing along & tree decorating - MWF, 5 Day and Pre-K classes @ 11:15

- Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Puppet Show – Rudolph at 11:15 - T/Th and Pre-K classes
- Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Puppet Show – Rudolph at 11:15 - MWF and 5 Day classes
- Wednesday, Dec. 19 - 9:00 - 10:15 - Christmas Program for MWF children
10:30-11:45 - Christmas Program for 5 Day and Pre-K children
- Thursday, Dec. 20 - 9:00-10:15 - Christmas Program for T/Th children, dismissal
Immediately following the program
- Thursday, Dec. 20 - No School for 5 Day and Pre-K classes
- Friday, Dec. 21 - No School for Pre-K, 5 Day, and MWF classes
- Fri., Dec. 21 – Jan. 4 - School vacation
- Monday, Jan. 7 - School resumes
- Monday, Jan. 7 - Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes 10:10
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 - Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes 10:10
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 - Eye Screening Make-Up for T/Th classes
- Thursday, Jan. 10 - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-shirts or sweatshirts
- Friday, Jan. 11 - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-shirts or sweatshirts
- Thursday, Jan. 17 - Father's Morning - T/Th, 5 Day & Pre-K classes
- Friday, Jan. 18 - Father's Morning - MWF Classes
- Monday, Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King Day – No School

The St. Edmund's Nursery School Annual Fund News:

You should have all received a letter in your child's cubby asking for your support of the St. Edmund's Nursery School Annual Fund. This fund is vital to the school and our students and is our most significant fundraising event of the year. Our goal is simple: 100% participation from every family.

Please make a tax-deductible donation to the St. Edmund's Nursery School Annual Fund. Thank you for your support.

If you have questions, please contact Victoria Ramirez at torigutierrez@gmail.com.

Picnic News:

Bring your children to picnic even on those days they are not in school - a great opportunity to get some shopping done while your child has lots of fun at picnic!

- Monday, Dec. 10th – Special Picnic - Hand print Christmas plate. Extra \$15 charge
- Monday, Dec. 17 - Our last picnic before Christmas break

Thank You:

- Thank you to **Elaine DeLellis and Lisa Nichita** for continuing to promote and organize our Scrip orders! Thank you to **all those families that have supported this fundraiser!**

Reminders:

- **Safety First** – Please, if possible, do not park on San Gabriel Blvd. This street is so busy with speeding cars it makes it one of the more dangerous boulevards around our school. Thank you for observing our painted arrows in the parking lot directing traffic to the appropriate driveways when entering and exiting. Also, please be sure to walk your child to the wall and follow the yellow feet to the gate. This will ensure they are not in the way of traffic and kept safe at all times. Please, no cell phones, including hands free in the carpool lines. Thank you
- All parents are welcome to attend any Chapel with their child.
- Don't forget, a St. Edmund's Nursery School t-shirt or sweatshirt makes a great gift.
- Please be reminded that school begins at 8:45. We want to be sure that students arrive promptly so they do not miss any of the activities in the classroom. Thank you.
- **Please sign your children in and out each day!** We really need your help with this state mandated requirement.

SENS Outreach/Community Updates:

- Hillsides Emancipated Minor Program: SENS is accepting Scrip cards to support those young people who now must make a home for themselves on their own. Should you want to donate, gift cards are due back December 14th. Thank you!

December

Joy and Celebration

December is such a wonderful time to explore the concepts of sharing, giving and celebrating with your children! It is important for them to enjoy a visit from Santa and also benefit from giving to others. It is a time for celebration and joy! This holiday season, please remember the true meaning of Christmas and share your joy with others.

“Christmas isn’t just a day, it’s a frame of mind.” – Valentine Davies

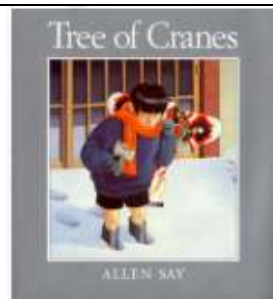
“Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day.”
– Helen Steiner Rice

“A good conscience is a continual Christmas.” – Benjamin Franklin

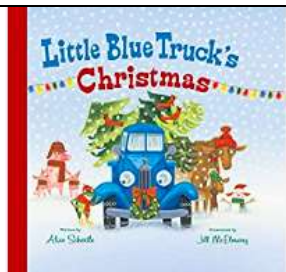
Recommended Reading for Children



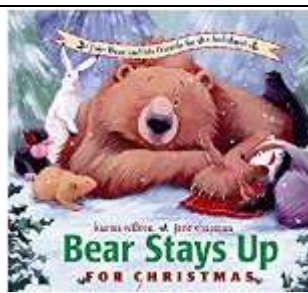
The Legend of the Poinsettia. This Mexican legend tells how the poinsettia came to be, through a little girl’s unselfish gift to the Christ child.



Tree of Cranes. This book is a great book to teach the lesson of giving and the real meaning of Christmas.



Little Blue Truck’s Christmas. Little Blue Truck spreads cheer by delivering Christmas trees to his animal friends.



Bear Stays Up for Christmas. Friends wake hibernating bear so he can experience Christmas and discover the meaning of friendship at the same time.