

# Academy News

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## Upcoming Events:

Dec. 9	McDonald's Lunch
	Open House 9am-11am for Prospective Families
Dec. 12	FSA Meeting 6:30pm
Dec. 16	Hot Dog Lunch
Dec. 18	Christmas Craft Fair 9am-3pm
Dec. 20	Pajama Day
Dec. 21-Jan. 3	Christmas Vacation



## Spirit Wear – DUE BY FRIDAY, DEC. 9

We will be ordering our Spirit Wear tomorrow, Friday, December 9. If you still would like to order before Christmas, there is still time. Submit your order tomorrow and we will include it for you! Please submit the order form with payment.

## Due Dates and Order Forms

Please be sure to return order forms on the day they are due. We need to count and order lunches or other things often in advance, so please be mindful of the due dates. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## Christmas Gift Cards

Have you already started your Christmas shopping? Let us help! Order gift cards through our Scrip Program and you will have the perfect gifts! Updated order forms will be going home again this week. It's an easy way to shop, get gifts, and earn money for you and the school!! Want your order in time for Christmas? **Order by: Dec. 15**



# Craft Fair Volunteers

We are still looking for Parent Volunteers for our December 18 Craft Fair. We have split the shifts into 4 hour increments, 8am-12pm, and 12pm-4pm. Please let either Mrs. Hodge or Mrs. Boyer (Academy Parent) the hours that you will be able to volunteer for the day. Thank you!



## Dress for the Weather

The weather is changing and the days are getting colder. Who knows? We may be getting snow soon! We will continue to go outside for recess as long as the temperatures stay above 25 degrees. Please dress your children appropriately for the cold weather: winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, snow pants (when necessary), boots, etc.



## Bethlehem Bulletin Board

As a school, we are learning about Jesus' birth. We are recreating the story on a bulletin board in the main hallway. The students were each given a character or animal of the story, and as we read the story during our morning announcements, the students come to place the pictures on our bulletin board.

## Peacemakers

**Teacher's Name:** Mrs.

Sibick/Ms. Kim

**Room:** Room 201

**Peacemaker Winner:**

Christina Costello

Christina is always wearing a smile at school. She helps other students pick up their things. She will help a neighbor find a pencil or folder. She is kind to others. She follows directions and is respectful to teachers.

Great job Christina!

**Teacher's Name:** Ms. Nancy

**Room:** Room 101

**Peacemaker Winner:** Mia Militello

I selected Mia because she is an outstanding addition to our classroom. Mia is always smiling! She has offered to help new students throughout their first day. Mia is always willing to help when she is asked. She is a great rest taker and encourages her friends to be rest time winners as well.

Mia is very kind and respectful to her friends and teachers.

A round of applause for Mia!!

**Teacher's Name:** Ms.

Margaret

**Room:** Room 100

**Peacemaker Winner:** Gery Dorado

Gery is a good friend and kind to the children in class. He plays nicely with them by taking turns and sharing toys in class. When new children come into class, Gery makes them feel welcome by including them at Free Choice Time.

Gery is very polite to his teachers and listens to and follows directions. He is helpful in the classroom by helping to clean up when activities are finished.

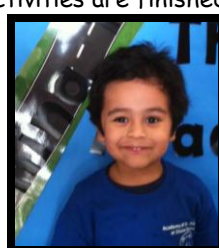
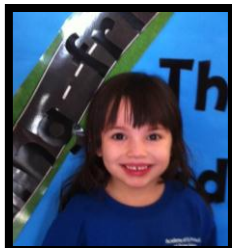
**Teacher's Name:** Mrs.

Sibick/Ms. Kim

**Room:** Room 201

**Peacemaker Winner:** Elijah Farr

Elijah is always smiling and excited to learn. He demonstrates good citizenship. He follows the rules. He respects his teachers and classmates. He is very kind to others. He will help pass out pencils, napkins, or papers. He will work with other students during math games. He will share chalk outside at recess. He will bring things to Ms. Angie. Elijah certainly demonstrates the qualities of a peacemaker. Congratulations Elijah!



## Check out what's happening in our classrooms...

### Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

This week in Ms. Margaret's Class the children continued to work on the letter H. As a review, they played Eye Spy to find the letters Aa-Hh. They really enjoy playing this game.

The children made observations of items a snowman would wear, ice and water. They observed an experiment where we made snow. They are matching numbers to quantities by matching mittens with numbers to mittens with dots on them and estimating how many bells are in each estimation jar.

The children have enjoyed listening to Snow Family by Daniel Kirk, The Snowman Storybook by Raymond Briggs, Snowballs by Lois Ehlert and If You Give a Moose a Muffin by Laura Joffe Numeroff.

### Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

It has been an exciting week in our classroom. After we read The Elf on the Shelf, an elf appeared in our class. The children named him Teddy Bear and every morning he moves to a different spot. It is a lot of fun watching the children look for him every morning. On Tuesday, St. Nick visited our school during rest time. The students received candy and some stickers in their shoe.

Today, we made Christmas trees and presents for Jesus. In math, the students counted colored Goldfish crackers and sorted them by color and recorded how many crackers they had. In science, we discussed how water turns into ice and on Thursday, we will be making ice cubes.

Looking Ahead.....

- J is for Jesus.
- Marble painting candy canes
- Santa's workshop

### Ms. Kim's Kindergarten

This week the students had a blast using shaving cream to practice writing letters, words, and names. The kindergarteners are doing a great job blending sounds and will be reading their second book from the Superkid library. It will also be time to meet our next Superkid, Lily. In math the students are working hard on recognizing groups of 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. We have also worked on what comes next in a pattern.

### Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

This week brought many fun and interesting learning opportunities. Students created an advent wreath. The Academy held two prayer services to "light," the two candles. The students are learning that the wreath has four candles, which stand for hope, peace, love and joy. This week Victoria Sulewski will present her science experiment. First graders will finish Unit 3-4 and will begin working in a new booklet for units 5-6. One activity the students completed was writing a poem which describes something they like. They did great! Second grade read more articles within the second magazine of Super. One article explained how magicians fool or trick the audience. First graders are working on adding doubles (4+4) and near doubles (4 +5). They enjoy using the Smart board to write addition problems. Second grade is working on using symbols, ( < > = ) to finish the math sentence. Please continue to practice this at home. The students and I always have the alligator eat the bigger (greater) number, thus the alligator's mouth is always facing the bigger number. It's been a busy and productive week!