

# December brings Advent and Christmas!



Advent is a time of waiting and anticipation. Each week we will be “lighting” a candle in the advent wreath and discussing the meaning behind it. We will also be reading about the birth of Jesus, making Christmas Trees, ornaments and a special gift for you. Oops, the gift was supposed to be a secret!

## **Thursday, December 6, 5:30–9:00pm: Parent Appreciation Night**

This is a night to go out to dinner, catch a movie or do some Christmas shopping while we take care of your children. This free time is a gift to you! We will serve chicken nuggets, green beans and macaroni and cheese for dinner. There will be fun activities and crafts for the children to do. Let me know if you will be participating in this event

## **Friday, December 21, 3:00pm: Cookies and Carols Celebration**

During our Christmas Unit, we will be learning a several songs about the birth of Christ. You and your family are invited to come listen to the children sing and then share some cookies with us. This is a casual event where I will invite you to sit on the floor and participate.



## **Dates School will be CLOSED:**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **December Self-Help Focus**

We have recently implemented a program called Character Kids. This program focuses on the five character traits of being kind, cooperative, brave, honest and responsible. Each trait has a super hero kid which represents it: Brandy (cooperative), Scooter (kind), Alex (brave), Ricky (honest) and Keisha(responsible). We have been reading the book “Character Kids Save the Day” which gives example of these traits in daily life. If possible, please use this vocabulary to describe your child’s actions in order to strengthen the school/home connection.

Miss Emma, Miss Kara and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!