

# Miss. Susie's Classroom



# DECEMBER



## Merry Christmas

This year has flown by. I can't believe it is already December. I pray that in the hustle and bustle of the holidays, you may find special time with your family to enjoy and celebrate the holiness of the season. May you have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

## What we are Learning

We will spend the week of Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> talking about Advent. Our class will be talking about the Advent season as a time of waiting for Jesus to come into the world. We will be making Advent wreaths, nativity scenes, and will read Advent stories together. The following two weeks are also filled with Christmas fun. We will make Christmas cards, do a candy cane science experiment, make jingle bell necklaces, and play several fun games together.

## Important Info

- Last day of preschool will be on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>
- Daycare students please pack lunch December 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>
- The Center will be closed from December 23<sup>rd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Christmas Party

Our Christmas parties will be on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> and on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

More information to follow regarding cookies and juice sign up for the party.

**Week of:** December 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**Teacher:** Miss. Susie

**Study:** Advent

**Letter:** I

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Interest Areas</b>	Library books about Advent  Ice Cream Number Match	Dramatic Play: make a birthday cake for Jesus with play-doh  Ice Cream Number Match	Christmas Nativity Set  Nativity: Color by Number	Christmas Nativity Set  Nativity Pattern Block Mats	Art: Make Christmas cards for grandparents  Nativity Pattern Block Mats
<b>Large Group</b>	Poem: Advent is a Time to Wait  Discussion: What does Advent mean? Understanding the advent wreath	Poem: Ice Cream  Discussion and Shared Writing: If Jesus appeared in your house today, what would you say to him?	The Advent Song for Kids  Discussion and Shared Writing: How can we practice good deeds and generosity during advent?	The Advent Song for Kids  Discussion and Shared Writing: Where would you go to look for baby Jesus if the angels told you to go to Bethlehem to find him?	Poem: Advent is a Time to Wait  Discussion and Shared Writing: What gift would you give baby Jesus?
<b>Read-Aloud</b>	<i>God Gave Us Christmas</i>	<i>Make Mine Ice Cream</i>	<i>The Story of Christmas</i>	<i>They Followed the Star</i>	<i>A Birthday Party for Jesus</i>
<b>Small Group</b>	Advent Wreath Handprint Craft	I is for Ice Cream  Find and Cover Letter I	I is for Insects	Nativity Number Sequence Puzzle	Paint with Ice

**Week of:** December 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

**Teacher:** Miss.Susie

**Study:** Christmas

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Interest Areas</b>	Make Christmas Cards for parents and siblings	Make Christmas Cards for parents and siblings	Christmas Nativity Set Roll and Cover Christmas Tree Number Matching	Christmas Nativity Set	Discovery: Wrapping Paper Sensory Tub
<b>Large Group</b>	Discussion: What is Christmas?  Song: Silent Night	Song: Santa Claus is coming to town  Discussion and Shared Writing: What does Christmas mean to you?	Song: Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree  Discussion and Shared Writing: One thing you are most grateful for this holiday season.	Graphing: Favorite Christmas Cookie  Discussion and Shared Writing: What do you imagine the North Pole to look like? Who would you find?	Poem: Christmas Star  Discussion and Shared Writing: What is your favorite Christmas story?
<b>Read-Aloud</b>	<i>Russell's Christmas Magic</i>	<i>The Christmas Blizzard</i>	<i>Arthur's Christmas</i>	<i>There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Bell</i>	<i>How to Catch an Elf</i>
<b>Small Group</b>	Parent Gifts	Parent Gifts	Shape Reindeer	Shape Reindeer	Jesus Pattern Activity
<b>Family Partnerships:</b> Take a walk around your neighborhood and look for signs of Christmas--lights, decorations, etc.! Additionally, please take time to talk with your child about your holiday traditions that you share with your family every year.					

**Week of:** December 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

**Teacher:** Miss.Susie

**Study:** Christmas

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Interest Areas</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Christmas Break Begins Daycare only</b>	<b>Daycare only</b>	<b>Daycare only</b>
<b>Large Group</b>	<i>Poem: I've Been Waiting for Christmas</i>  Discussion and Shared Writing: Can you name all of Santa's Reindeer	<i>Song: Little Drummer Boy</i>  Discussion and Shared Writing: Would you rather be an Ein Santa's Workshop or a Reindeer pulling Santa's Sleigh?			
<b>Read-Aloud</b>	<i>The Littlest Christmas Elf</i>	<i>Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer</i>			
<b>Small Group</b>	Party Games	Party Games			