

# Merry Christmas *from Kindergarten*

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Mrs. Spencer

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This week we wrapped up 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. Your Kinder is half-way thru his/her Kindergarten year. ☺  
We've had a week busy with tying up curriculum units as well as wrapping up gifts! ☺

Thank you to Will's mom & her committee for the fabulous Christmas party yesterday! The Kinders made a very cute ornament, decorated a cookie, & had a special visitor...such great memories.

Have a blessed Christmas! Thank you so very much for your enthusiastic support for all things Kindergarten! We cherish the sweet Christmas cards, sentiments & gifts of love. We are very, very blessed. We will miss your little one during our time apart. Your family will be tucked into prayer for good health and safe travels.

“In a nutshell” upon our return Wednesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>:  
Religion: Baby Jesus is Born / Epiphany  
Focus Sound for big board: W for winter weather & Wise men

☺ Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Norah on December 23rd ☺



## Notes & Reminders:

January 3 Classes resume  
8 Caps due for D of I classroom competition  
12 Noon Dismissal  
Report cards will be sent home

- Check out our new and improved website that is now fully operational. [www.smsrockets.org](http://www.smsrockets.org)

- Reminder that Mrs. Brogan and Kristi Stevens will be hosting a Scholarship Law meeting on December 18 in the Parish Center at 6:00 pm. Information about this **new Illinois Law** was sent home last week with all students. Please plan to attend this important informational meeting if possible. These scholarships are for any family that falls into one of the designated income levels set up at that state level. **This has nothing to do with the scholarship program already in place at St. Mary's**; however it will be a **school policy that all families which apply for a scholarship thru the school must apply with the state first.** The portal will go live on January 24, 2018. This is when you will need to start applying for the 2018-2019 school year. The meeting on December 18 is a chance to get all of your questions answered. Please come see what this is all about!! 😊

- A suggestion to continue VBRD in your family homes the rest of the Advent Season, pick a family virtue and as a family work on that virtue between now and the conclusion of Advent. Talk about the virtue daily and how you have worked on that virtue in your daily lives.

# 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School!

Weather permitting, our class will celebrate 100 days of being in Kindergarten during the 4th week of January.

Soon we will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day together! To help the children visualize what 100 objects look like, we are asking each Kinder family to decorate a t-shirt or sweatshirt with 100 items on it. Note: **You do NOT need to purchase anything new for this**...turn an old t-shirt or sweatshirt inside out & go from there! ☺ This is NOT a competition. Please don't stress. ☺ XOXOX

Some ideas to use as decorations are stickers, googly eyes, fabric paint, cotton balls, buttons, pom-poms, safety pins, etc. The lighter weight the item, the easier it will be to glue, stick or sew 100 things to the shirts. Keep in mind your Kinder will be wearing this shirt all day and 100 heavy or bulky things may be uncomfortable. If you need ideas, google or pinterest "100 day shirts".

Have fun with this family project of designing & creating a shirt with 100 items. Your Kinder will wear this shirt to school on our 100<sup>th</sup> day!

This date is around 6 weeks away, but I want you to be able to begin rolling ideas around rather than learning about the project after the holidays. Time will fly, though, & the 100<sup>th</sup> day will be here before we know it! ☺ ( I WILL be putting reminders in our weekly parent letters. ☺)

After you've gathered your items & before attaching them to the shirt, make sure to ask your Kinder to put them into 10 groups of ten, and then count by 10s to 100. ☺

*Please contact me for any questions or concerns. I want this to be an enjoyable, memorable project for your precious family!*

Note: If school is cancelled due to weather related conditions, our 100<sup>th</sup> day will be delayed one day for each cancelled day.

☺ Thank you! ☺

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