



Dear Families,

December 2018

Touches of Red and Green will soon be replacing the warm colors of autumn. Holidays offer the perfect opportunity for learning about colors! There are other colors for other holidays at this time of year, of course, but we are focusing on red and green, the two we see the most.

St. Lucia Day is Dec 13 and so we are learning to count to three in Swedish (ett, två, tre), along with talking a bit about this Swedish holiday of light and learning a few vocabulary words. We are learning to count to three in a different language each month. We use it as the signal to start our playtime when we come into the large muscle room. September's languages were English and ASL (American Sign Language). October's was Spanish. November's was Ojibwe (a Native American Language). Now, we're moving on to Swedish. One family told me that our work with languages has sparked their child's interest in learning more about the countries of origin. Perhaps the same will be true in your home.

The Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Christmas will be evident in much of our activities, this month, especially as we explore our Holiday Traditions. What are some of the wonderful sights, sounds and smells at your house, this season? Talk about them with your child. In addition, we will light candles on our Advent Wreath and we will talk about Jesus's birthday.

Our Christmas Program is December 20th. We have already begun learning songs to sing for you at our program. We are also learning to play a handbell song or two, for you. **This event is for everyone!** Feel free to invite other family and friends who love your children as much as we do. And don't forget your camera! **ALL children should arrive at 9:15am as usual, BUT no backpacks are needed.** After dropping off your child at the Preschool entrance (Door E), you can go to the church side of the building (Door C). Perhaps you'd be willing to join the Preschool parent volunteers needed to help assemble plates of cookies on the day of the program. If so, let us know as soon as possible. In addition, there will be a slide show of Preschool photos on the big screen in church, before the program begins, and later at the reception. After we do our best to warm your hearts with the holiday spirit, we can all go to the Fellowship Hall for Christmas treats!

There's more! Stephanie Luedtke will lead our Chapel Time to talk about Christmas, and all of us will have Christmas fun all month long! Then, we'll give each child a hug and send them home to you until classes resume in January.

Merry Christmas to ALL of You!

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