**Dante’s December Bulletin**

**November Memories**

**The children are continuing to become familiar with the additional daily routines associated with Kindergarten and in November we became familiar with the procedures associated with the colder temperatures: removing boots, having indoor shoes kept in the backpack, zipping / buttoning jackets, not losing winter apparel. Once again, I would like to extend a big “Thank You” to all the parents for their support in order to make the transition into the Fall- Winter season routines as smooth as possible.**

**December Special Days**

**There is NO CLASS for all the St. Paul children on the following dates:**

**December 20 – January 4th, 2015.**

**Classes resume on January 5th, 2014. Please mark this dates on your calendar.**

**Galt Museum Field Trip**

**The next field trip will be in December and is planned for the Galt Museum.**

**The theme of the presentation is “Christmas Activities from the Past.” The children travel by bus to the location. The Galt Museum provides the bus for the children. The Morning children are scheduled for December 8th.  The Afternoon children are scheduled for December 8th. The Parent Permission Consent Form has been signed at the beginning of the year. Parent Volunteers are definitely required because this is a hands-on presentation. Sign-up sheet will be available on the table outside the room.**

**A.M. – December 8th P.M. – December 8th**

**Christmas Showcase – December 17, 2014**

**This year the families will enjoy an evening of Christmas Activities at the school. The Kindergarten Morning and Afternoon children will combine to sing, “Away in a Manger.” The words have been provided so that you are able to practice daily at home with your child. Knowing the words to the song will assist the child to be able to fully participate in the performance. Thank you for ensuring that your child knows the words to the 3 verses that are printed on the paper that I have provided.**

**The children will wear their dress clothes for the performance.**

**TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**November Highlights**

**The children have been introduced to the following letters and their corresponding sound:**

**F, E, D, P, B, R, N and M**

**It would be beneficial to reinforce these letters, by printing each letter and producing the corresponding sound at home so the child will be able to make the transition to sounding words and reading short sentences.**

**The children have been introduced to the numbers 0 – 10**

**At this time, there are a number of students *that still are not able to print their name or hold a pencil correctly.* They would benefit from daily home practice.**

**Winter Clothing**

**As the winter season approaches, the children will need to be able to independently complete the following tasks: zip their jacket, change their boots and shoes, and tie their laces. If they are unable to complete these tasks independently, daily practice would be beneficial.**

**Homework Calendars**

**Now that the children have become familiar with Homework Calendar, only the children that return the completed monthly calendar will be given the calendar for the next month. This will reduce unnecessary waste of paper.**

**Sharing Days**

**The children have now adjusted to the Kindergarten program. Therefore, the adults are now only invited to the classroom during the Sharing Time and then they depart.**

**In the Morning, Sharing Time is 8:30 am – 9:00 am.**

**In the Afternoon, Sharing Time is 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm.**

**Please read the Sharing Calendar to be aware of the Theme for the month.**