



News from St. Anna's Room

December 2011

December Tidbits

The Gift

This month, we've been learning all about the very best kinds of gifts: our love for God, His love for us, and our love for each other. We loved creating and acting out the story of the Nativity, complete with angels, stars, and camels!

We learned that giving of ourselves is the best gift we can give, be it mittens to those in need, time with our loved ones (*The Gift of Nothing* by Patrick McDonnell was a favorite!), or our love for Jesus and our families.

We especially loved learning about icons with board member and iconographer Kh. Erin Kimmett. You can use the Nativity icon to help tell the story of Christ's birth.

For entertainment over the holidays, ask your children questions about the Nativity (how many wise men were there? What did they bring?), and have them use their bodies to act out the different characters (make angel wings! A twinkling star! Rock baby Jesus! Have a halo!).

Wishlist

- Plastic spoons
- Dish soap
- Paper plates!

Reminders

- The cold weather is here! Please be sure to bring appropriate clothing for your child. Practice putting on, taking off, and putting away **snowpants, coats, hats, and mittens** so that we can spend more time playing outside and less time arguing with unruly snow gear!
- Our nameday celebration will take place on Friday, January 6th at the Annunciation Cathedral in Boston. Orthros is at 9am—we hope you can join us!

January 2012

This month we'll be learning all about the rainforest!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Closed for New Year's	3	4	5	6 Closed for Theophany
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16 Closed for MLK Day	17	18	19	20
23	24	25 12 noon dismissal for all students	26	27
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