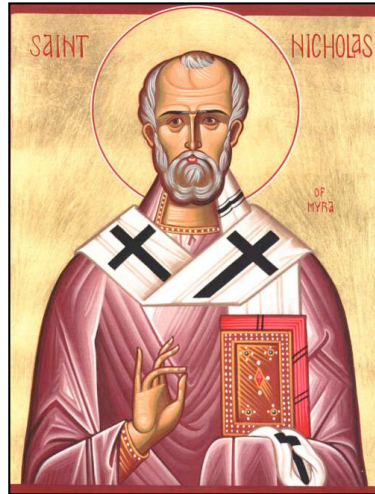


NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM OF ST. NICHOLAS

St. Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the 4th century



The Troparion of Saint Nicholas

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause, thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Welcome to our new friends and families! The class of St. Nicholas is so excited to have new friends join us.

What a busy month it has been! We have been studying the Rain Forest non-stop! There are so many different kinds of animals and trees and plants in the Rain Forest. Some of our friends have been busy making binoculars, Safari vests, hats and maps so we can be prepared when we go to the Rain Forests. Other friends have made Rain Sticks to hear what it really sounds like when it's raining there. We became scientists and learned about the Rain Cycle and made our own rain-in-a-bag! We have also learned how the trees and plants of the

Rain Forest drink water in order to grow. Ask your child about our blue celery and how it became blue!

Recently we looked at ourselves in a mirror and then tried to draw our own self-portrait like our artist of the month, **Frida Kahlo**. Amazing results!

Favorite Book of the Month: A Remainder of One by Elinor J. Pinczes. "Hup, two, three, four! We're in the 25th Army Corps!"

Favorite Game: The Messenger Game - It's like the old-fashioned "Telephone" game where one whispers something to a friend and so on until the last person says the message out loud. It's a fun way to learn about the Saints, or Rain Forests or anything! Try it at home!

COMING SOON

Jan. 25 Early Release

Feb. 1 Field Trip to Acton
Children's Museum

Feb. 20-24 Winter Break

Feb. 29 Early Release

