

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.

Can you believe it's all ready Christmas? With all the hustle and bustle on "Christmas" outside our classroom, we've been learning about "**Christmas**". What would Christmas be without Jesus? What would we celebrate? We've learned about the Nativity story, especially the **Gift** of Jesus and the **gifts** that the Wisemen brought. Our gifts to our friends have been to be kind and share with one another!

We had the company of Kh. Erin Kimmett who shared her gift of writing icons. She explained how an icon can tell a story and how the Nativity icon has a few stories in it but the focus (in the center) is Christ. Wouldn't it be nice if our focus, our center is Christ! What a wonderful world we would live in.

We spent some time with Miss Emily's class and made angels (God's messengers who spread the good news!).

One of our new favorite games is to play "messenger" like the angels. It's like the game "telephone" where you whisper a message in a friend's ear and then to the next friend and so on until the end and the last person says out loud what he/she heard. Try it with your child this week (Christ Is Born or Glorify Him or Happy Birthday Jesus)...

Favorite Book this Month: The "J" Is for Jesus by Alice Joyce Davidson. It's also known as **The Candy Cane Story**. Candy canes are fun to eat and look pretty but it also looks like a shepherd's staff reminding us that Jesus is our Shepherd. If you turn it upside down, it looks like a "J" for Jesus!

Let us all celebrate this Christmas remembering that Jesus still gives us the greatest gift of all-Himself! Christ Is Born! Glorify Him!

COMING SOON

**Dec 23-Jan 2 Christmas
Break**

**Jan 6 Theophany Day
No School**

**Jan 16 MLK Day
No School**

**Jan 25 Early Release
12pm**

