



DECEMBER 2011 NOTES

WEEK OF 12/12/11

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From the Desk of Ms. Leeann

With two weeks until Christmas, the cold weather has finally descended upon us here in New England. The classrooms have been quite busy talking about the Feast of the Nativity, reading lots of stories, and making stars, angels, sheep and shepherds. Some classes even made St. Nicholas stockings, near the feast day last week (Dec. 6th). We are very excited to learn more about Icons & Iconography from our very own, Erin Kimmett, iconographer & Board member. She will be joining us on Wednesday this week. The children have also been learning about giving to others through the story, The Mitten Tree – and helped to create paper mittens, that are symmetrical, to decorate our very own Mitten Tree. Please help us by donating new hats & mittens for those in need. More details are below.

Finally – we hope that you can join us on January 6, 2012 to celebrate our name day and the Blessing of the Waters! This year we will be celebrating at Annunciation Cathedral in Brookline. Liturgy will begin at 9:00am.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent season!

Ms. Leeann

Important Dates to Remember

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| Dec. 14 | Early Release – 12:00pm dismissal for all students |
| Dec. 19 | “Lock-in” for 2012-2013 Enrollment due back |
| Dec. 21 & 22 | Cookie Trays ready for pickup |
| Dec. 23 – Jan. 2 | CLOSED – Christmas Break |
| Jan. 6 | CLOSED – Theophany Name Day Liturgy @ Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral @ 9:00am |
| Jan. 16 | CLOSED – MLK Day |



Christmas Cookie Sale Fundraiser

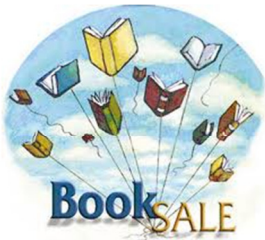
Don't forget to bake your cookies this weekend, and bring them back to the school on Monday/Tuesday 19th & 20th. Cookie trays will be available for pickup on Dec. 21st & 22nd.



2012-2013 ENROLLMENT

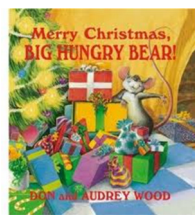
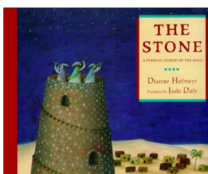
Applications for the 2012-2013 school year are due by December 19th.

If you would like to “lock-in” your space at the current tuition price please be sure to return your application by Monday, 12/19/11. Any application received after that date will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis with all new students. If you have not received an application or have any questions, please see me.



Books for Sale

There are still lots of wonderful books for sale from the Book Fair that we had last month. They will be available throughout the school year. Feel free to peruse the selection both on the table in the hallway, and also on the cart. Books make some of the best gifts for the holidays & birthdays! Some great ones for December:



The Stone: A Persian Legend of the Magi
The Mitten Tree
Merry Christmas, Big Hungry Bear!



8th Annual Hat & Mitten Drive December 5th – 20th

Each year we integrate the story of The Mitten Tree, by Candace Christiansen, to help teach the children about giving to others who are in need. We collect winter hats, scarves & mittens for the Needham Food Pantry. There are many families in Needham that receive aid from the Community Council. We would appreciate any new hat, scarf and mitten donations that you are able to provide for both children and adults. We will be delivering the hats and mittens to the Community Council on Tuesday, 12/20/11. Thank you in advance for helping us support such a wonderful cause this holiday season. Be on the lookout for our Mitten Tree, which will be located in the hallway outside of Ms. Cori's room!



Please be sure to check your child's extra clothes at school, to restock them (if necessary) and to make sure that they are seasonally appropriate.



1. Paper plates
2. Dish soap
3. Plastic spoons