

# **MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

**2022 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

## **GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING**

**SNOWY MORNINGS...**Due to dangerous road conditions on snowy or icy mornings our opening time may be delayed till 7:30 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation. As mentioned in the last newsletter you may also look for school closings, and early dismissal information on channels 4 and 9.

**ARRIVAL...**When dropping off or picking up your child please be aware that we have had purses stolen from cars. Do not to leave your car unlocked and running or valuables (especially children) in the car.

**CLOTHES...**Each child needs a change of clothes (or two) in their cubby labeled properly. Please don't forget to send jackets, hats, mittens, boots, etc. on cold/snowy days.

**COMFORT...**Each child needs a small blanket for rest/naptime. Please label and take-home weekly to wash.

## **FAMILY-TO-FAMILY PROGRAM**

Thank you to all who signed up to buy a gift card for our adopted families this year. If you have not turned in your gift card please have it to the office by Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

SUN. NOV. 27th  
FRI. DEC. 2nd  
SUN. DEC. 4th  
TUES. DEC. 6<sup>th</sup>  
WED. DEC 7th  
SUN. DEC. 11th  
SUN. DEC. 18<sup>th</sup>  
THURS. DEC 22nd  
FRI. DEC. 23rd Thru  
MON. JAN. 2nd

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
FAMILY TO FAMILY GIFT CARDS DUE  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS  
BOOK ORDER DUE  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
POLAR EXPRESS PARTY  
CHRISTMAS BREAK – ELC CLOSED



## **CURRICULUM**

This month we will be focusing on Advent and the Christmas Season. We will be using Advent Calendars and Advent Wreaths to celebrate daily in each classroom.

## **TRANSITIONS**

Children transition from one activity to the next throughout their day at preschool. The ELC staff use a variety of techniques to make transitions easier for the children. A few of the techniques we use are timers, bells, yoga, singing, and visual schedules. This month a transition handout will go home with the December newsletter. This handout has transition strategies and tips for parents. The next big transition will come when the kids head back to school after Christmas break. If your child has a hard time getting dropped off in the morning you may want to try one of the transition strategies on the handouts.

## **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & PARTY**

The staff is busy preparing the children for our upcoming Christmas program. The program will be held on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30a.m. in the church. Please drop your child off at the ELC before the program by 9:30a.m. The children will be given a quick snack, and then they will be walked over to the church for the program. Children should be dressed in their best “Christmas attire”. If your child attends school on Friday please pack a cold lunch as hot lunch will not be available. After the program concludes the staff will walk the students back to the ELC. Parents can then pick up their children in the classroom. Parents are invited to attend a coffee before the program in the parish center from 9:30 to 10:15. We hope you can join us on this special day!

## **YOUR CHILD’S FILE**

Before heading off to the doctor’s office for your child’s annual check-up, please check in with the office and pick up a physical form and/or immunization card. We are required by Human Services to have up to date files on all of the children attending the ELC. Thank you!

***MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF!***