

Early Childhood Newsletter

Our Savior Lutheran School

Season of Advent

Dear Parents,

We are now in the church season of Advent. In Advent, we celebrate Christ, the Light of the world, coming into our dark and fallen world. He is the long-awaited Savior who has redeemed and brought us back into a right relationship with God through His work on the cross.

What a privilege it is to share the true Biblical meaning of Christmas with our youngest scholars. Throughout the month, our teachers will retell the real Christmas story in stories, activities, and crafts.

We look forward to the telling of the Christmas story by our Preschool – 2nd grades scholars on **December 16 at 6:00 pm**. Make plans to join us for this special Christmas program.

Our Happy Birthday Jesus classroom parties hosted by our room parents will be **Thursday, December 18** from 10:15 am to 11:30 am. We will have a half day of school to close out the semester on **Friday, December 19** with dismissal at 11:30 am.

May the joy of Christ's birth and the peace of His salvation be with you and your family now and throughout the New Year!

Christmas Blessings,

Lynette Cherington
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"Sing to the Lord a new song." Psalm 98:1



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Bethlehem Village @ OSL

December 13
5 pm to 7 pm
Music and interactive nativity

Happy Birthday Jesus Parties

December 18
10:15-11:30 am in your
child's classroom

Early Dismissal

December 19
11:30 am
No Extended Care



Gingerbread Man Days

**Run, run as fast as you can!
You can't catch me,
I'm the Gingerbread Man.**

On our Gingerbread Days, each class will read the story of the gingerbread man and make, decorate, and eat a gingerbread man cookie.

Class Gingerbread Hunts

Mrs. Crabtree	Tuesday, 12/2
Mrs. Chapman	Wednesday, 12/3
Ms. McBride	Thursday, 12/4
Ms. Pigeon	Wednesday, 12/10



School Christmas Programs

This year's school Christmas programs will be presented by grade level on **Tuesday, December 16:**

Preschool–2nd Grade @ 6:00 pm
3rd–8th Grade @ 7:00 pm

Please mark your calendar for this special event!



Class Christmas Parties

Thursday, December 18, 10:15 am - 11:30 am

Our class Christmas parties will have a **Happy Birthday Jesus** theme.

Please contact your child's teacher or room parent to see if you can help. Look for more information about specific class parties in your child's folder this month, on the wall posted by the classroom door, or via email.



Early Christmas Break

Remember that **school dismisses early at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 19.** No Extended Care is offered that day.

Enjoy your Christmas holiday with friends and family from December 22 to January 5. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday, January 6!**

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday, and God's blessings to all of our scholars with December birthdays:

Lincoln Dube	12/2
Ire Malmberg	12/13
David Threadgill	12/18
Hayes Michael	12/27
Quinn Rodriguez	12/27



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Toy Drive

OSL will host our annual Christmas Toy Drive benefiting underprivileged children in our nearby schools. Look for information coming soon in the main school's weekly emailed newsletter. Also, watch for the donation boxes, which will be placed in the ECE, cafeteria, and main classroom building.



Baptismal Birthdays

At the end of each month, we recognize our scholars' baptismal birthdays in chapel. We will celebrate this month's baptismal birthdays in chapel on Wednesday, December 17:

Liam Portas

If you are not sure if we have your child's baptism date, please email Mrs. Cherington. We don't want to leave anyone out.



Worship with Us

This season, proclaim our Lord's birth, and worship with us at Our Savior Lutheran Church:

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24 @ 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25 @ 9:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31 @ 7:00 p.m.

Save the Date!

School Resumes

Tuesday, January 6

Winter Wonderland Day

January 15

MLK Holiday

January 19

No School

No Extended Care

National Lutheran Schools Week

January 26-30

Eagle Evening

February 6

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Learning About God's Love

In addition to the many things your children are learning, each month we will concentrate on teaching the children the attributes of God's love found in I Corinthians 13. In December, we will learn that *love does not insist on its own way*. True love looks outward, seeking the good of others rather than demanding its own way. God's love is freely given—it cannot be earned, bought, or repaid. When we extend grace and kindness, setting aside our own preferences, we reflect that divine love in our relationships.

Daily Reading Sheet

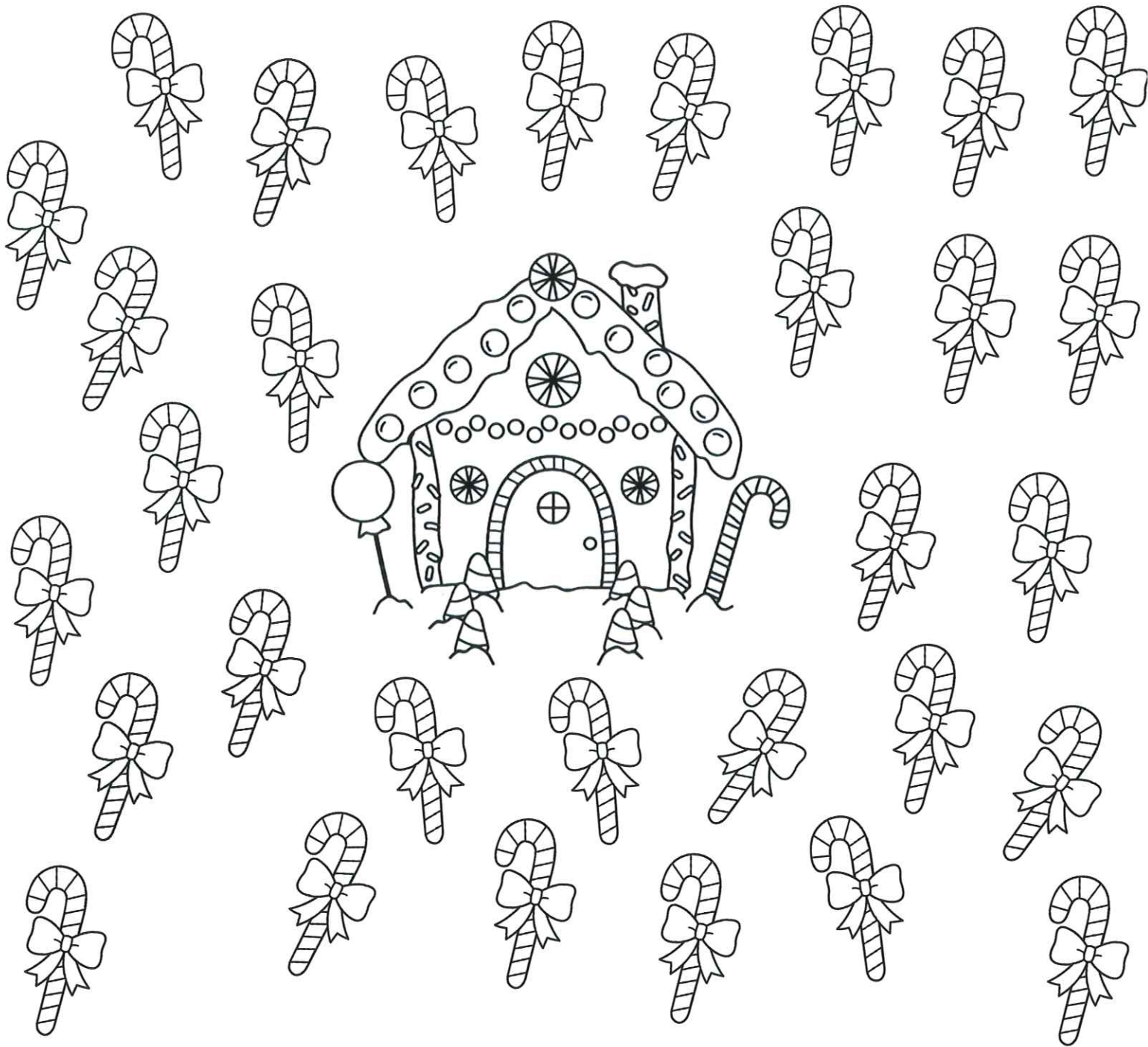
Attached to the newsletter is this month's Daily Reading Sheet. This month the children will color candy canes to mark each day that you read to them. Please send November's reading sheet by December 4 for your child to receive a special recognition.



"Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks."
—Dr. Suess

December

Color one candy cane each day that you read 5-10 minutes. Return your completed sheet by January 8.



Name: _____ Teacher: _____