



OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

# Pre-K Ponderings

Week 18– December 14 – Advent 3



## BIBLE STORY & SONGS

- Mary visits Elizabeth; Birth of John the Baptist
- *The King of Glory Comes*
- *Prepare the Royal Highway*



## LITERATURE & POETRY

- *Snow*, Cynthia Rylant
- *The Pine Tree Parable*, Liz Curtis Higgs
- *The Night Before Christmas*, Clement C. Moore
- *The Little Drummer Boy*, Ezra Jack Keats
- *The First Night*, B. G. Hennessy
- *Santa's Favorite Story*, Hisako Aoki
- *Santa's Toy Shop*, Al Dempster
- *O Bethlehem*, Joan Tietz
- *On a Silent Night*, Morgan Davis
- *Oh, Holy Night*, Joan Tietz
- *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*, ancient Latin hymn

Next week, bring an item that **begins with or has in the middle the letter li**. Please be sure it is the **short vowel sound**, as in **pickle, hip, and gift**, not the long li sound, such as bike.

## LETTERS & NUMBERS

- Introduced Ss.
- Introduced 8. Things related to eight – octagon, stop sign, spider legs, Crazy 8's card game, hot dog buns in a package, octopus tentacles, squares across a chess board, 8 ounces in a cup, Santa's original reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen. (Santa's reindeer were named in an 1823 poem titled *A Visit From St. Nicholas* (otherwise known as *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Rudolph came along 116 years later in 1939.)

## OUTDOOR LEARNING (Tuesday afternoon)

We walked around campus and found sticks to make a cross. This class really loves sticks – I don't know what it is, but man, oh, man – they love to find the perfect stick. We watched a short video of the Christmas folktale, *The Three Trees*, about an oak, pine, and olive tree who have dreams of being used for a grand purpose one day: one becomes the manger for baby Jesus; one is built and used as a boat that carries Jesus and His disciples; and one becomes the cross upon which Jesus dies for us.



## SCIENCE (Thursday)

Hot cocoa and marshmallows? Yes, please! Actually, we're just using marshmallows for this experiment about density. Which will sink or float – big marshmallow or small? What if we squish the air out of it? What if we cover it in cornstarch?



### Reminders

If you have any questions, please call/email me or the school office.

- Please consider supporting this year's **Eagle Fund!** *OSL is committed to teacher and staff development, safe grounds, rich curriculum, and quality materials.* We are close to our goal, but we still need a final push to make the goal. **If we reach our goal by December 31, our scholars will get an extra day of Winter Break in February!**
- **Friday, December 12 at 3:15-5:15** – Cookies with St. Nick.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 6:00** – PS-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Christmas program in the church.
- Tuesday, Jan. 6 – School resumes.



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