

# December

Mrs. Reza's - 3's Class



## Teacher's Note

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends! Thank you so much for joining us at our Thanksgiving feast. I am truly thankful to be part of your child's life and this amazing SJA preschool community.

As we move into the Advent Season, I am excited to share in the joy, anticipation, and preparation for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with your children. This is such a special time of year, and while the next few weeks will certainly be busy, they will also be filled with wonder and joy.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Reza

## Important Events

- December 6 – Feast of St. Nicholas
- December 6 – Happy Birthday, Evelyn
- December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception / Family Mass
- December 19 – Christmas Program
- December 22 – January 2 – Christmas Break
- January 5 – School Resumes
- January 6 – Feast of the Epiphany
- January 13 – Family Mass
- January 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr Day – No School
- January 25 – Catholic Schools Week



## Learning Focus

December is filled with exciting activities and lots of learning as we enter advent and wait for baby Jesus to be born. Even though Jesus is the "reason for the season", we are talking about Santa/St. Nick, being on our best behavior, and how it's more important "to give than to receive".

This month we are learning the Our Father prayer and I encourage you to please practice at home. Sometimes when we just don't know how to pray or what to say to Jesus, we can always say the Our Father and Jesus knows what's in our heart.

We are working on Christmas arts and crafts; making ornaments, advent wreaths, and "growing" candy canes. We look forward to our special visitor to join us again this month to read us a book. We will continue to learn about our saints and practice our songs that we will sing at our Christmas program.



## Important Reminders

- Family Mass this month is on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> due to the Holy Day of Obligation
- We are selling our Saint Socks after mass on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by to purchase and/or to help sell.
- Jingle at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Thursday, December 11. Please mention St. Joan of Arc Preschool and we receive 20% proceeds on wristbands.
- Christmas Program is Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please dress your child in their Christmas best.

## January

*Happy New Year*

After we celebrate the new year, we will have some fun winter activities in the classroom and around the school. We will work on winter themes like snow, ice, and animal hibernation. All while focusing on foundational skills in early literacy, math, and social-emotional development. We'll learn to recognize our own names in print. We will end January with Catholic School's Week and each day will have a fun theme. More detailed information to come.