



January 2026

Dear Parents,

# Happy New Year!!!

After a nice break, we are back and ready to make 2026 full of fun, learning and growing! December was a very busy and festive month. We spoke about Advent and Christmas. The children were busy little elves making gifts and cards for their parents. We ended 2025 with a festive Christmas Celebration! Thank you to our Room Moms and parent volunteers for setting everything up and parents for contributing to the celebration.

Experiences and Discoveries:

- Science Discovery: Using magnets and magnet wands to pick up bells, paperclips and pipe cleaners. Crayon resist
- Christmas Invitation to Create, Ornaments and Cards: Painting and placement of puzzle pieces to form a circle, glitter and "berries" for the wreath. Decorate Christmas card using glue, stickers, crayons.
- Collaborative Art: As a group, painted 2 large cutout Christmas trees. The trees were displayed in the classroom and our bulletin board
- Math: #4 Demonstrating and practicing what 4 is using different tools: fingers, name tags, stars. Sequencing the events of the Story of Jesus.
- Christian Study: St. Nicholas, Advent, Christmas, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Gabriel. Using a children's bible, we read Luke 1:26-56 and Luke 2:1-39
- Gross motor/fine motor: Prewriting practice at the easel; tracing lines and name writing. Cutting practice
- Literacy: Read-a-louds the children enjoyed: *5 Little Monkeys Looking for Santa* by Eileen Christelow, *The Starry Giraffe* by Andy Bergmann

Show and Tell will begin on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please help your child choose one item that they can "tell" about, and it should be able to fit into their backpack.

The Show and Tell list is at the end of this letter.

Below are dates that should be noted.



Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate Elliana’s 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Snack will be provided, please send in a drink for your child



Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Pajama Day! Have your child wear PJs to school and bring in a teddy bear. We will have a special snack. Details forthcoming



Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – MLK Day



Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Have your child wear as much black and white as they can or want



Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – Donuts with Dad 9:00-9:45am in our classroom



Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Open House Beginning of Catholic Schools Week Open House



Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – 2-hour delay. School day will be from 10:10am - 12:15pm

I have some concerns about the mittens/gloves that the children have for school. These little ones don't particularly like to wear them and some of them are too big, too bulky. While we are outside, climbing is still encouraged with mittens/gloves on. During the day we wash hands multiple times and the air is so dry that their hands are getting red and chapped. Please ensure that your child has appropriate mittens/gloves. I find that gloves are a safer option for those that like to climb.

Anytime you have questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. DeGasperis*



**SHOW**  
**and TELL**  
**2026**

<b>January</b>	9	Abigail	16	Blair
	23	Cade	30	Connor
<b>February</b>	6	Dominick	13	Elliana
	20	Ellie	27	John
<b>March</b>	6	Josephine	13	Leia
	20	Leonardo		
<b>April</b>	17	Matthew	24	Mya
<b>May</b>	1	Sophia	8	Steorra
	15	Vivienne	22	

**\*\*** When bringing in Show and Tell, please bring only one item that is able to fit their backpack

**\*\*** If your child is absent or forgets the day of their Show and Tell, send it in the next school day