

# Mrs. Cruz's January Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents,

## Happy (Early) New Year!

I hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and are enjoying a restful break from school and daily routines.

This month in Pre-K, students will learn about The Epiphany of the Three Kings, and the Baptism of Jesus. We will also discuss each child's own baptism and how they are special members of God's family. If you have a picture of your child's baptism, please send it in so they can share it with their classmates.

At the end of the month, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with fun and special activities. In the classroom, we will continue using Handwriting Without Tears to practice letter and number formation. Towards the end of the month, students will begin tracing and writing their last names as well, and we will continue practicing counting to 100.

Throughout the month, we will focus on building fine motor skills, listening and following directions, practicing kindness, sharing, and saying please and thank you.

Communication is key to your child's success. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

God Bless,  
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## January Themes:

The Epiphany, Baptism, Winter, Snow, Mittens, Hibernation

Virtue: Please and thank you

Shape: Diamond

Colors: Black and White

Numbers: Review 1-10

Letters: Ss, Jj, Dd

Nursery Rhyme: Three Little Kittens

## Specials & Enrichments:

Tuesdays - Media (Library)

Wednesday- Gym

## Friendly Asks:

-Please send in a photo from your child's baptism **on or before 1/5**. If you don't have one, no worries at all—your child may bring in a baby picture instead to share with the class.

-Also, please send in a **4x6 photo of your child with their dad**. *Shh!* This will be part of a surprise for our **Donuts with Dad** event.

## A Few Reminders:

- Please continue to have your child practice packing and unpacking their backpacks.

-If there are any changes in your child's scheduled pickup, aftercare, or contact information, please be sure to inform me as soon as possible. If you're picking up early, please sign your child out first at the big school then come to our building.

## Songs and Prayers:

### Danny Diamond

I am Danny Diamond,  
I am like a kite,  
But I'm really just a square,  
Whose corners are pulled tight.

### The Three Little Kittens:

Three little kittens they lost their mittens,  
And they began to cry,  
Oh, mother dear, we sadly fear  
Our mittens we have lost.  
What! lost your mittens, you naughty kittens!  
Then you shall have no pie.  
Mee-ow, mee-ow, mee-ow.  
No, you shall have no pie.

### End of the day prayer:

Now our busy day is done,  
Jesus bless us everyone.  
Amen.

## Important Dates:

Monday, 1/5 Welcome Back! School Resumes

Thursday, 1/8- First Thursday - **12:00 PM Dismissal**

Monday, 1/19 - No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Saturday, 1/24 - Donuts with Dad

Sunday, 1/25 -Catholic Schools Week Begins;  
ICS Open House

Sunday, 1/25 - Registration for the  
2026/2027 school year will open, do not wait,  
class fill up quickly.

Thursday, 1/29 - **12:00 PM Dismissal**

Thursday, 1/29- 8th Grade vs. Faculty  
Volleyball Game

Friday, 1/30 - **2-Hour Delayed Opening**  
(10:10 start )

Saturday, 1/31 - HSA Trivia Night (Adults  
Only)