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Dear Pre-K Parents,

Finally, it's beginning to feel like winter! Maybe soon, we will be able to make a real snowman, not just finger painted ones!!

In January in **Religion**, as we came back from our Christmas vacation, we talked about the three kings and "Epiphany", and our gift for Jesus. We learned that we are a gift to other people and that we want to be a good gift! We are learning the "Our Father..." prayer and our "peace" verse from Romans 12:18. Also, we are learning that Jesus was a little boy who lived in a family with lots of love and rules. We are learning to pray: talking and listening to God.

In **Math**, the 3s are focusing on number identification only, along with size, shapes, and colors. The 4s are focusing on number identification 1-10 and on "sets" or "groups" of objects corresponding to the number. **We will be doing this for many weeks**. You can help at home by giving your children experiences with identifying numbers, counting, and identifying number of objects in a group. Many children need more exposure to numbers at home!! Also, in Math we are learning "first-next-last" and "patterns". The 4s need to be able to identify

numbers 1-10 before learning their phone number in February. Thank you for your help.

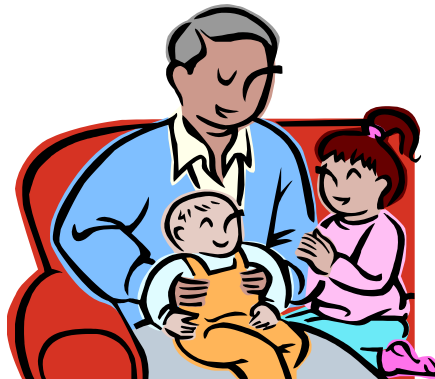
In [Reading and Language Development](#), K4s are continuing our letter recognition and letter sounds. We are also focusing on “rhyming” words. You can help by playing “rhyming” games at home and by teaching your children “Mother Goose” nursery rhymes. The 4s will be learning “characters” and “parts of a story” as well as “sequencing”. Also, we soon will be sounding out some “winter” sight words.

In [Science and Religion](#), we have become aware that God created our bodies to be beautiful, and that we need to respect them by keeping them healthy and safe! We learned which foods we should choose from the food pyramid!!! We also learned about keeping healthy with daily exercise, lots of sleep and good health habits. We learned about things that can make our bodies sick.

This week in [Science](#) we will discuss “hibernation”, “migration”, “temperature” “melting”, “snowmen”, and “animals in winter”.

In [Social Studies](#) we are learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. as a man of peace who loved Jesus. I welcome you to visit our classroom to read to us, and to teach us about other friends in history.

Next week, I will begin a unit on “All Life is Special”! We will learn that all people in all stages of life are important because God made them, and because He loves them. The children will hopefully learn that all life is special: young as well as old, rich as well as poor, healthy and sick, those who make “good decisions” and those who don’t.... Speak to me anytime if you have any questions or would like to discuss this unit with me.



Catholic Schools Week

Please join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 29 to Friday, February 3. We have so much to celebrate at Our Lady of the Angels!!!! You have chosen a truly Catholic School!

Special thanks:

- To Jarret's mom for our lovely purple play dough for December,
- To Emma's mom for 4 different and beautiful colors of play dough for January,
- To Tommy's mom for our finger puppets,
- To Jarret's dad for visiting us on January 10th to read us a wonderful and fun story. Please, come again

Good News! Have you checked out the "pictures" page on our K3-K4 website yet?..... Go to ourladyoftheangels.org...classrooms....pre-School....classroom website..... I know you will enjoy photos of some very cute little ones!!

God bless us as we spend His wonderful, wintry months together!!

Sincerely,

Marilyn Manley