

# Hoffman Herald

K-2 Multiage, Forest Hills Lutheran School

December 5, 2008

This week brought much excitement as we moved into the season of Advent and all of the wonderful traditions that go along with this time of the year. Beyond the gifts, ornaments, and candy canes, this is the true essence of Christmas: God came down to earth and became one of us so that someday we can go to live with Him in heaven.

We enjoyed listening to the book Saint Nicholas, the real story of this Christmas legend. The kindness and care Saint Nicholas showed is an example we can learn from. He gave gifts out of thankfulness for the greatest gift of all, our Savior Jesus Christ. Many families observe St. Nicholas Day on the 6th of December when children wake up to find special treats in their shoes which they left out the night before. We assembled origami star boxes and have set them out in the classroom in hopes that St. Nicholas will visit the school on Saturday.

On Wed. morning, Dec. 17, the K-2 and multiage classes will be traveling to the Grove Retirement Center to sing Christmas carols and deliver handmade Christmas cards. Enclosed you will find a permission slip for this trip.

Our author of the month for Dec. is Tomie dePaola. He has written many books about various legends surrounding the Christmas season. Today we enjoyed listening to Merry Christmas, Strega Nona.

On Thurs. afternoon our class visited the art space to learn about artist Jennifer Bartlett. Mrs. Zimmerly presented a wonderful lesson all about her work. We were then able to work on a project which helped us to imitate this artist's style.

May God bless you with His love and peace and joy during this Advent season!

Ms. Hoffman



## The Cross in the Christmas Tree

Friday Evening, Dec 12

As of today I am anticipating that everyone will be participating in our Christmas Program, The Cross in the Christmas Tree Service on Friday, December 12. We have been working hard getting our songs and parts ready for you. If your child will not be able to make it please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you. Your child should meet me in our classroom at 6:45 on Friday evening.

## Special Holiday Activities

We have many wonderful and exciting holiday projects coming up this month. We will be needing lots of parent participation in order to make these events possible. On Wednesday, Dec. 17, our class along with Mrs. Gehlen's and Mrs. Langbehn's classes, will be having a Christmas Craft Day. Then on December 18 our class will be having a gingerbread house party in the afternoon. Our parent coordinator for the gingerbread house building party is Elaine Spidal. Enclosed in this week's folder you will find two forms with more detailed information about each of these special events along with ways that you can help out and participate. Please return all forms by early next week! Thank you! ☺



# Merry Christmas

