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Christmas is only 7 days away! I hope you and your family have a blessed Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

A HUGE "Thank You" to all of the parents who helped with our Christmas party today. I appreciate all of the hard work and creative ideas you came up with. We could not have these wonderful celebrations without your help.

In Religion, we talked more about the first Christmas. The children understand the story very well and could probably tell it to you in their sleep. We also discussed how Christmas is not about presents and Santa, but about God's love for us.

The children were delighted to perform for you on Wednesday. They were amazed at how many people came to see them. Thank you so much for all of the kind words. The children worked very hard but seemed to enjoy every moment of it.

The children worked hard at creating their Christmas gifts this week. We also wrote letters to Santa. I sent the letters off on Wednesday and the children are anxious to see if Santa brings them a special gift.

This week we continued working with the numbers 20-31. The children are working very hard at counting carefully and recognizing the "big" numbers. We are also working on bundling our groups of 10 as we count. The children make marks on each object as they count it and then circle, or bundle, the groups of ten. This helps them begin to understand place value as well as keep track of what has been counted. They are doing a very nice job counting by rote, but they still need more practice recognizing the larger numbers. We will be taking a test on the numbers to 31 when we return from Christmas Break.

On Wednesday, the children attended the band concert. They enjoyed singing along with the Christmas songs. Thursday, the children attended Lessons and Carols. The children enjoyed listening to the story of the first Christmas and singing along with the rest of the school.

Your child should have brought home their towel today. Please wash them over the break and send them back on Monday, January 4.

Your child should have received a Christmas coloring book with a challenge attached. I am challenging all of the children to circle all the words they know how to read. These words can be sight words or other words they can read. Each child who reads the words they circled will

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receive a prize for all of their hard work. Christmas challenge books are due Friday, January 8, 2010.

Last week you should have received a form with some information about the 6-hour reading club. This is a fun and easy way to help your child earn a free ticket to any Six Flags Theme park. The books that you read for Book-It can be included on the form.

Please continue to practice zippering, tying shoes, and sight words during Christmas Break. Don't forget about Book-It. You should have found the form for January in the Thursday envelope.

Thank you for sending in the snowpants and boots. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to play in the snow at recess. Please continue sending in their "winter wear", as we will continue to go outside for recess (weather permitting).

Please send in your empty 18 count paper egg cartons. I will be designing educational games for the children. I am hoping to have enough egg cartons by April for each child to have two games that they can take home.

Please send in any empty large rectangular baby-wipes containers. We will need them for a project in February.

Next Week: Christmas Break until Monday, January 4, 2010

Week of January 4: G, Winter, Numbers to 31
Monday: Classes Resume
Return Towel
Tuesday: Bring in something that begins with G
Wednesday: Word Book Due (Letter G)
Friday: 8:30 All School Mass
Christmas Challenge Due
Market Day