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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a fantastic Thanksgiving filled with love and memories with your families. Here is some important information on what is going on in our Kindergarten class this week.

December 2nd is a minimum day. Students may wear jean **pants** and their **St. Edward spirit shirt**. If you do not have a spirit shirt you must wear a school shirt. We will also be collecting canned food on Friday for our Class Service Project. As always your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Scholastic Book Order Forms are going home today. There is a great selection of books that would be perfect stocking stuffers for your children this Christmas. Since it is near the holiday if you plan on buying books for your child and do not want them to know, instead of handing them the books I will put them in bags and directly hand them to you. Please write a note on the order form if you plan on getting the books as gifts. You do not want to miss out on all the great holiday books and great deals. Please send in your order forms this **FRIDAY** December 2nd!

Religion- This week's objective is to help the children understand the meaning of Advent. Advent is the time of preparation for the coming of baby Jesus at Christmas. This year Advent began on Sunday Nov 27th. Children will bring home

their advent wreaths this week. The four candles represent the countdown to the birth of Jesus. There are 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle. Purple is the liturgical color of Advent. The pink candle reminds us to be joyful because Jesus is coming. The green wreath symbolizes eternal and everlasting life. We Prepare our hearts with Hope, Joy and Love as we early look forward to Christmas.

Advent Candles should be lit:

1. First **purple** candle should be lit on Sunday, Nov 27th
2. Second **purple** candle should be lit on Sunday Dec 4th
3. Third **pink** candle should be lit on Sunday Dec 11th
4. Fourth **purple** candle should be lit on Sunday Dec 18th

Children have learned that only adult members of their family can light the candles.

Language Arts- We will continue working on letters and blending them into words. Please continue reviewing all letters and their corresponding sounds at home.

Math- We will continue working and finishing up Chapter 4.

Letters to Santa- Please follow these instructions for the homework.

1. Students must do all the writing themselves. You can dictate or write on a separate paper and children copy.
2. Each letter must have 2 questions for Santa.
3. Students will ask Santa for 1 toy only.
4. Final copy should be written on the special stationary that I attached.
5. No book report will be due this week due to all the writing involved in this activity.

Homework

1. Beginning Word List- using letter sounds covered so far, students SHOULD be able to sound out all the words on this list!!! Please PRACTICE this list. This is a different list than the Sight Word List that you recognize by sight only.
2. Santa Letter- please follow the directions in my letter!
3. Language Arts 4A- Circle the pictures for the words that begin with /a/ like apple. Pictures are as follows: clown, rake, ax, anteater, cake, spoon, alligator, hammer, astronaut, scissors, cane, anchor, ant, house, ankle, and tree.
4. Language Arts A-8a.- Write the capital and lower case letters that stand for the first sound in each picture word. Pictures are as follows: anchor, glass, ox, cake, goat, ax, octopus, and otter.
5. Language Arts A-10a- Cut out the pictures and paste the pictures for words with MEDIAL /a/ in the suitcase. Pictures are as follows: coat, comb, belt, pants, tie, tag, hat, shoes, and shirt.
6. Printing- complete one page of capital and lowercase Aa.
7. Math- Complete 1 page... FRONT & BACK.. Directions are found on the bottom of each page. Use a pencil unless otherwise instructed.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mallek