

# Miss Abel's Kindergarten Newsletter

Friday 12/6	Monday 12/9	Tuesday 12/10	Wednesday 12/11	Thursday 12/12
Music	Gym (tennis shoes)	Art Church Music Spanish	Gym (tennis shoes)	Library

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that it is December and we are nearing the end of the first semester of the school year! The school year is going by fast and I am so proud of the growth I have seen in these few short months of school!



The season of Advent has begun. This is the time of year when we prepare for the coming of Jesus. During the Advent season in Atrium, the students will have prayer services to light a candle and sing a song each week. Please ask your child about this exciting time! We have lit the first candle, the candle of Hope; we will light the other three candles on 12/9, 12/16, and 12/20. A paper about the Advent candle as well as an Advent calendar was sent home earlier this week.

We, as a school, are taking time to think about those who are less fortunate than us during this Advent season.

In class, we are talking about how there are some children in our community who do not have toys that the students do, so we are participating in Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots is put on by the Marines and allows for a new toy to be given to a child at Christmas. If you are able, please send in a new UNWRAPPED toy and I will have your child place it in the box in the lobby of our building (donations will be accepted until 12/13).



We are also taking part in a second project by collecting new children's winter hats and gloves. These items will be donated to the Norwalk Clothing Bank. There is a tree next to the box for Toys for Tots for the children to place their gift of hats and gloves on (donations accepted until 12/20). Thank you so much for helping those in need during this holiday season!

The Flyer Clubhouse will be closing at 3:00p.m. on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** so our staff can attend the NCS Christmas party. Please make arrangements for your child as needed.

To celebrate Christmas in our classroom, we are going to do a USED book exchange. We ask that the students select **ONE gently used book** and wrap it. On the package please mark if it is for a BOY, GIRL, or EITHER. We will place these under our Christmas tree and the last day before break, the students will get to choose a book to unwrap. Books

are due by **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. If you are unable to provide a book, it is not a problem, just let me know and I will provide a book!

For our Christmas party, we will be watching *The Star* along with the other kindergarten classes. This movie is about a donkey named Bo who, along with other animals, become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas. This will take place on **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Students may wear their pajamas to school that day. Please make sure your child wears warm pajamas because weather permitting we will go outside. Students **MUST** wear regular school shoes (NO SLIPPERS) for safety purposes and playing in the gym. \*The movie is rated PG; if you would prefer your child not watch the movie, please let me know ASAP.

This is a very creative group of students, as some of you know based on the projects they bring home in their book bags! When students have completed their center work they have free choice to play at the math center, read books, complete puzzles, and play at the art center. They are very creative when it comes to art. However we have depleted our supply of glue sticks in our classroom. If you are able to donate a pack of glue sticks to the classroom, I would greatly appreciate it! Thank you!

Just a reminder that your child should **not** be bringing a change of shoes for gym class, for example wearing slip on shoes to school and leaving gym to change into tennis shoes – they should be wearing **only** their tennis shoes on gym days. Your child is allowed to wear snow boots to school if it is snowy/slushy outside but should then have a change of shoes to wear during the school day. Thank you!

Please continue practicing tying shoes, after Christmas break I will no longer be tying shoes.

Scholastic book orders were sent home before break. You can also browse more selections online at [scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://scholastic.com/bookclubs). Our class code is THC9K. I sent this order out early so if you are planning on giving any books for a gift, they will be in before we leave for Christmas break. I will be submitting the December book order **TOMORROW December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Keep in mind that all orders earn points for free classroom resources!

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Thank you!

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#### Looking ahead:

**Friday 12/13:** Clubhouse closes at 3p for NCS Staff Christmas Party

**Friday 12/13:** Book exchange books due.

**Friday 12/20:** Christmas Party/ Pajama day (NO SLIPPERS)

**12/23/19-1/6/20:** Christmas Break