

It was a **MAGICAL** week...

Saint Mary School
Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a restful vacation. We have been learning about the months of the year, New Year's and the Epiphany. The children have been taught a new song about the months of the year- have them sing it to you! We have also discussed New Year's resolutions and shared some things that we want to practice or get better at this year. We have also been learning all about the different season and different types of weather. We have had the opportunity this week to observe how weather not only changes by season but also throughout the day. We have asked the children to bring their hats and mittens **every day** because the weather can change during the day. They do not need snow pants but on snowy morning, please feel free to send them in their wearing their boots. Don't forget to pack their sneakers too so that they can change once at school.

In Science, we began our unit on "The Sky." Children will be learning all about things in the sky including the sun, moon and stars. As your son or daughter what they have learned about the sun from our expository texts.

In Social Studies, we began our unit on "Being a Good Citizen." Children will learn about rights and responsibilities. They will hear about ways to help in our community and making the world a better place.

We introduced our featured author of the month. This month we will be focusing on the author Jane Yolen. She currently lives in Massachusetts. Some of her notable books are *Owl Moon*, *How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?* and *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?*.

Here are a few highlights from our week:

- Share their New Year's resolution
- Decorate a mitten using lots of different materials
- Identify beginning sounds
- Listen to [A Snowy Surprise](#) and [The Three Wise Kings](#)
- Interpret information on a graph Identify and illustrate his/her favorite type of weather
- Listen to [What Will the Weather Be Like Today?](#), [Caps. Hats, Socks and Mittens](#), [The Twelve Days of Winter](#), [Snowmen All Year](#), [When a Storm Comes Up](#),
- Create patterns of winter items
- Identify amounts of each winter item using counting skills



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- Count by 5's
- Read leveled readers "Birthday Map" and "Is it for Kip?"
- Connect teen numbers as a group of 10 and up to 9 additional parts
- Sequence events in a story
- Practice new high frequency words *for* and *me*

Something Special:

This week, we welcomed a new student to our class. You may have heard your child talking about a new friend named Maddie. The children have been so excited to meet and play with her and she is a wonderful addition to our class. We welcome her and her family to our school community.

Looking Ahead:

January 20th - No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

January 25th - School Mass and Pasta Festival (We hope to see you there.☺)

January 29th - Volunteer Appreciation (Please join us as we show our appreciation for all that you do to make our school such a wonderful place. More details will be coming home via the Wednesday announcements)

