



DESERT HAPPENINGS

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Dec 23-Jan 3	January 6	January 15	January 17	January 20
Christmas Vacation	Classes Resume	Minimum Day/TCP	2nd Quarter Ends	No School—MLK, Jr. Day

Students Perform Annual Christmas Program

Last night, students presented quite an impressive display as they sang, & played bells.

It was a busy week full of long practices, preparations, & maybe even a little strife at

times, but it all paid off as students shined and parents & teachers were full of pride.

The night started with the beautiful sounds of our school's bell choirs. There is just something about bells and Christmas

that goes hand in hand! Then grades TK-6 performed.

A big thank you to all our students for their work. Parents for their support, & teachers for organizing another successful program for all to enjoy.



DAA'S CHRISTMAS LIST

While the DAA students are all nestled in their beds.....what hopes of gifts will be dancing in their heads?.....

Jeffrey Schmitz, TK—A big bouncy ball.

Beckett Smith, K—Robot & Legos

Gemma Eppey, K—Valley allfit

Noah Perez, K—Racket ship toy

Brielle Dial, 1st—Cutie cars for girls

Layla Lopez, 1st—Na Na Na Surprise

Jacob Trudeau, 1st—Legos

Miriam-Esther Galan, 3rd—A Phone

Keegan Harlan, 3rd—Mac book air

Brody Wade, 3rd—New Phone

Sydney Rodriguez, 4th—Cutie kawaii/Comfy summer dresses

Matthew Leiske, 4th—Minecraft Lego Set

Natasha Lukemire, 4th—Candy

Jillian Coffin, 5th—Phone & chocolate

Alexander Leiske, 5th—The PS4

Zachary Leiske, 5th—Moddin IP for the PSI good night!

Dana Ramos, 5th— A yarn ball set/kit

Aryiana Lukemire, 6th—Big stuffys!

Gianna Fernandez, 6th— Albums of my favorite Korean boy band

Rebeca Lopez, 6th— An easel & painting stuff

George Perez, 6th—Some robux

Here's to a very happy Christmas morning!...and to all a good night!



Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Jan 6-9	Pizza	Quesadillas	Spaghetti	Haystacks



Fun Facts about Jesus' Birth

- December 25 isn't actually Jesus' birthday. The Bible doesn't indicate the time of the year that Jesus was born. It wasn't until the 4th century did the Church decide on December 25.
- In 2008, astrologers studying the appearance of the "Star of Bethlehem" pinpoint it to be a June 17 birthday.
- Chi, is the first letter of Christ's name.
- The wise men did not visit baby Jesus at the stable. Many scholars believe they arrived when Jesus was between 1 & 2 years old and the Bible says they visited Jesus at his family house, not at his place of birth.
- The Bible doesn't mention any animals at Jesus' birth.

Bible Text of the

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21 NIV



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:



TK/K-1st Grade Travels the World for Christmas Tradition

Our Tk/k-1st grade class met Globe Trot Scott this month in their social studies unit. Globe Trot Scott is a boy who travels all over the world sharing different holiday traditions from other countries. Following along in their interactive journals, students received a letter from Scott and also a souvenir package from each country. From France, students learned how children leave their shoes by the fireplace for Pere Noel to fill with presents and then he sent a delicious treat called a Bûche De Noël for each student to eat! Then Scott traveled to Germany to teach us about gingerbread and the Christkindmarkt (Christmas markets). Students shared what kind of store they might have in the market and decorated a gingerbread man

while eating a gingerbread cookie from Scott. Next, Scott sent us a letter from Sweden. Students learned about the Christmas gnome, Tomten, who delivers presents with his goat and St. Lucia with her crown of candles. Students were sent St. Lucia buns with raisins. One of the biggest packages to arrive was a piñata from Mexico in honor of Los Posadas. After learning about this holiday and poinsettias, students took turns hitting the piñata for all the candy. Finally we ended our journey with Globe Trot Scott by learning about the Chinese New Year and Russia. Students made red envelopes to put their coins in for the New Year

while eating a fortune cookie and made matryoshyka dolls while trying ginger cookies. Students were so excited each day to see what Scott sent them while also receiving a "stamp" in their passport. It was a fun unit for all, the teacher included! Joyeux Noel, Froehliche Weihnachten, God Jul, S Rozhdestvom, Feliz Navidad.....Merry Christmas!

- Mrs. Trudeau

