



Mrs. Trzeciak & Mrs. Colbeck's T-Th 3s!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Looking back on December..

Deck the walls with festive artwork! Fa la la la la, la la la la! This month we packed in one cool project after another! Parker was our first "Mad Little Scientist" this month as we explored "spinning" objects in a salad spinner and then creating gorgeous "spin-art" ornaments! Owen led our discovery into why candy canes lose their stripes in hot vs. cold water and Oscar helped us explore the "scents" of the season by using his sense of smell to identify pine, peppermint and cinnamon! The kids loved cutting and hole punching red/green paint strips, following a "key" to dot art a stack of presents, and following a pattern to bead a candy cane ornament. Highlights from this month include reading *The Legend of the Candy Cane* and learning about how the candy cane is a "J" for Jesus AND a shepherd's hook, singing "**Away in a Manger**" and placing a tiny Baby Jesus on a bed of "handprint hay", playing in the breakout room on cold, rainy days, making angel wings with painted hands, playing with Mrs. Colbeck's sparkly red scented playdough, and decorating our very own Gingerbread Man!

Looking forward to January...

Our classroom theme for January is **Winter Wonderland!** Think hot cocoa and Frosty the Snowman! Our **Letter-of-the-Week** rotation will continue with **L, M, N and O**. We will explore the concept of water turning to ice and will make our own snow during our Tuesday science sessions! I look forward to meeting with each of you at our Parent-Teacher conferences later in the month. Stay tuned for more details on day/time...

Important Dates/Reminders

T 1/7	First day back in 2025!
T 1/14	Chapel
T-TH 1/21-23	AM Parent Conferences (watch for sign-up genius for slots)
TH 1/30	PJ Cereal Day (wear your PJs!)

Check our Classroom DOJO app daily for fun updates/pictures/videos!