

# WEEKLY NEWS

St. Peter ECM

Week of December 17-21, 2018



## BIBLE TIME

### The Wise Men

The wise men had learned about Jesus and believed in him as their Savior. Upon seeing the special star, they traveled to Bethlehem to visit the baby King. When they saw young Jesus, the wise men worshiped him as their Savior and gave him gifts.

## MEMORY TREASURE

"Worship the Lord your God."

Matthew 4:10

(Tune: London Bridge)

## SONGS

Away in a Manger  
Go Tell It on the Mountain  
Snowy Pokey  
We Wish You A Merry Christmas  
The Little Drummer Boy  
The 12 Days of Christmas

## PLANNING & RECALL

Pass the Present  
Riding in Santa's Sleigh  
Paper Chains  
Bead & Pipe Cleaner Candy Canes

## OUR STORIES

Christmas in the Manger  
Mooseltoe  
Olive the Other Reindeer  
The Biggest Christmas Tree Ever  
The Grinch  
Santa Claus and the Three Bears  
Who Is Coming to Our House?

## SMALL GROUP

### Christmas Fun!

As Christmas gets closer, we will celebrate with fun activities all week long! We will paint and stamp with Christmas cookie cutters. We will create Christmas collages from ads and magazines. We will play Christmas BINGO. We will decorate cookies with frosting and sprinkles. On Friday, we will have a movie and popcorn day!

## MOVEMENT

We will finish our RSB (Ribbons, Scarves, Balloons) unit as we play "Clean Your Neighborhood", hit our balloons with paddles, and have balloon relay races. We will balance balloons on paper plates, on our hip with a partner, and between our knees.

## LETTER FOCUS

During this busy week, we will review some of our favorite letters, and maybe some of the more tricky letters too! After Christmas break, we will start back at the beginning of the alphabet and focus on each letter one more time before May.

(KEEP READING FOR MORE NEWS!) 

## SAVE THE DATES

No Hot Lunch: No hot lunch will be served on Wednesday, December 19, due to Christmas service practice at FVL.

The 5K-8th grade students have a early dismissal on Friday, December 21. No hot lunch will be served. Please send a cold lunch for your child on both days. Milk will be available.

### Children's Christmas Service:

The preschoolers will practice at FVL on Wednesday, December 19 at 12:15 PM. Those students who are here on Wednesday will be taken by bus to the high school and then return for rest time. If Wednesday is not a day your child typically attends school or your child is a half-day student, you are welcome to meet the rest of the group at FVL at the commons/gym entrance at 12:15. The practice will only take about 15-20 minutes. The 3K/4K students will participate in the St. Peter Lutheran Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 PM at Fox Valley Lutheran High School. Please meet in the Commons area at 6:20 PM. Look for your child's teacher and help him/her to line up. You may then find a place in the auditorium. We will sing right at the beginning of the service. After their song and recitation, please meet them in the commons to pick them up. At that time, you are welcome to remain for the rest of the service or take your child home.

Christmas Break: The St. Peter Early Childhood Center will be closed from December 24-January 2. School will resume on Thursday, January 3.

## 2019-2020 Enrollment

Enrollment for next school year has begun! We begin with current and former ECM families and members of St. Peter. Thank you to everyone who has completed the registration steps! We are looking forward to serving your family next year. If you are still interested in 3K/4K for next year, please take a look at the packet of information you received in the mail or visit <http://922church.com/st-peter-school>. Please talk to Miss Anna if you have any questions or need more information. Open enrollment will begin in January.

## SPECIAL REMINDERS

Christmas Pajama Day: Friday, December 21 will be a Christmas/Winter jammie day! If your child attends school on this day, he/she is welcome to come in a favorite pair of pajamas!

Book Drive Donations: In place of a traditional Christmas gift exchange, our ECM looks for an opportunity to reach out and serve others in our community. This year we will hold a Book Drive for "Read Out and Read Partners—Fox Cities." Reach Out and Read (ROR) has been active in the community for about 4 years spreading the word about the importance of early literacy from birth. With 16 medical clinics currently participating, ROR is reaching almost 90% of kids ages 0-5 throughout the Fox Cities. Some of your children may have actually received books at their yearly well-visits already!

Our Book Drive will take place from Monday, December 3 until Thursday, December 20. You will find a red book bin in our ECM lobby area. Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind when picking out books to donate:

- ◆ ROR asks that books be either brand new or in like-new condition (no torn pages, no names written inside, no library stickers on spine, etc.)
- ◆ ROR particularly needs books for ages 0-5, but they also accept early readers, chapter books and novels. When families come to the clinics they like to send every child home with a book, with special attention given to families who may not own many books.
- ◆ ROR asks that books not be religious (no books on holidays, prayer, etc.) However, they do partner with a few clinics that are Christian-based and will set Christmas/religious books aside for these clinics if they receive any.
- ◆ If you would like to give a financial donation, checks can be made to "Friends of Appleton Public Library." Any financial donations will be used to purchase additional books.