

Trinity Lutheran Nursery School & Mothers'

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January Newsletter 2026



Happy New Year

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Thank you to the teachers and the children for the incredible Christmas Shows. We rocked the church! The parents, Grandparents, uncles and aunts really enjoyed the performances

Thank you for all the Christmas presents.

Inside your child's school bag you will find the **registration forms** for **September 2026**. Visitors will be arriving shortly. I encourage you to make a decision promptly.

If you would like to visit a classroom, come to the office and I will take you there

We offer morning and afternoon classes for the 3's, 4's, and kindergarten children (Haverford buses to and from all Haverford elementary schools)

Now that the Winter is here take advantage of our before and after care
Early morning drop off: 8:30 FREE of charge

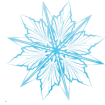
Lunch Bunch 11:30 to 1:30 -\$15.00,

Late Show 3:00 to 4:00 - \$10.00 (for the children that stay in the 9 to 3 classes)

Snow Days - If Haverford is closed because of snow, we are also

closed. If Haverford is two hours late, we open at 9:00 & there is NO EARLY MORNING DROP OFF. If Haverford closes because of inclement weather during the day, please pick up your children promptly.

Check your email and our facebook page for postings



Afternoons with the 4's.....Miss Kim

December was very busy with the 4's in the afternoon. We listened to many Christmas stories and worked on a lot of Christmas activities. We decorated a Christmas tree with our name on it, we colored a wreath, we did Christmas tracing and used markers to make a Christmas Ball. We listened to a few Gingerbread stories and decorated our own gingerbread. They were so cute! The children enjoyed working in different centers. We made patterns with the blocks and magnets, we worked on table puzzles, enjoyed playing with babies, Barbies and little legos. The children love coloring different pictures with crayons and markers.

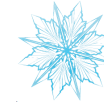
In addition, we practiced writing our names, cutting with scissors and tracing different shapes. We are reviewing our Alphabet by playing with the alphabet locks and the alphabet puzzles. We did a Math worksheet to review our numbers. We enjoy going to Geography, Gym and Music. We are having fun doing hopscotch and we had fun in the Social Hall with the parachute and the scooters with our friends in the afternoon. The children love reading books with each other.

Finally, the children had fun doing Freeze Dance, singing Christmas songs and doing yoga. We enjoyed playing a dance game on the big screen with Bluey and Friends. They did a great job following the directions and had fun doing the different dance moves.

We are looking forward to 2026 and all that it will bring! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

Miss Kim and Miss Erica's Pre-K (4 year olds)

December was a very exciting month in Pre-K. We worked hard and long practicing for our Christmas Show and it really paid off! The show was an amazing success. The children all sung loud and they all looked great up on stage. We were so proud of all their patience and hard work.



We spent the month of December getting ready for Christmas. We made tons of decorations for our classroom including a Santa Claus, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Snowmen that are hanging from our ceiling. We colored Santa's little helpers (elves), decorated stockings and candy canes. The children enjoyed making Christmas tree scenes and Christmas Balls with the colored pencils and crayons. Also, we made adorable penguins that are hanging on our door for everyone to see. The children enjoyed the Christmas party with all our family and friends in our classroom. It was a very nice time with everyone. Thank you for all the donations for our party. The treats were delicious! Hopefully, everyone remembered to put out their "Reindeer Food" on Christmas Eve. We had so much fun with our Elf on the Shelf "Pinky" who came to visit with us for a few weeks. We will miss her but we know she had to go back to the North Pole. We had a special visit from Santa. We had fun taking pictures with him and enjoyed talking to him. We sang a song and danced for him. It was so much fun!

In addition, we read a lot of Christmas books. I think our favorite was "The Polar Express". We pretended we were on a train and we listened and followed along with the book. We enjoyed cookies after the story. We made a picture frame and a hand print card for our parents for Christmas. The children worked really hard on making it special for them. We were so busy this month that we only got to do letter Kk and Number 11. Kk week was filled with tracing and writing the letter Kk. Also, we made a

Koala out of the letter K. We worked on recognizing our last name and we are busy practicing writing our first name. We had fun working on puzzles with our friends. We are continuing to work in our different centers and we are practicing cutting with scissors. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

Happy Birthday to Gia! We hope you enjoyed your special day!

December was a great month, and we are looking forward to 2026 and all the fun it will bring!



Miss Mandy's 3 year old lunch bunch art

This month in art we decorated our tree for Christmas. We started off with having the children color a string of lights using chalk. Mixing the colors really made the tree shine. For a next project they had to paint Rudolph and his friends by listening to instructions from Ms. Mandy. They all did a wonderful job!



Kindergarten Enrichment....Mrs. B , Miss Sue, Miss Fern

December was full of excitement! We had fun building our own Christmas tree out of cups. It took the whole class and some great planning by the children to accomplish this Engineering and math project.

We used candy canes and snowballs (cotton balls) to help us with beginning math. Addition and subtracting

We love to go on ABC and Number hunt with Bonus sight words. Playing bingo matching letter sounds with pictures. We have been working on our

Kid writing book, coming up with answers to our question and drawing a picture.

We discussed all the hard work that the Elves and the Reindeer do at Christmas time, then voted if we would like to be an Elf or a Reindeer. Great hearing all their reasoning! Then we made ourselves into Elves.

They looked great! Then we wrote our own letter to Santa (Hope he sees it!

We read a series of how to catch the Gingerbread man. We followed the clues and around the school and finally found the cookies that the Gingerbread man left for us.

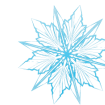
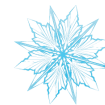
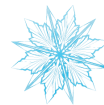
For Science we used sharpies to decorate a cup and melted it in the oven. A lot of trail and error, but we finally got it to work.

For Art we made beautiful Christmas trees in the snow and direct painting of a Reindeer. They looked awesome hanging in the hallway!

We discussed Hanukkah and the story of lights.

Our favorite games are headbands with Christmas words, playing 4 squared in the gym on those cold days and making silly stories with Mad Libs

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Years!! We are looking forward to January 2026! We will learn about Penguins and Hibernation and so much more!



Mrs. B and Miss Kerry's 3 year old class

December was a busy month!! We marbled Candy Canes with Jingle Bells which we made to go with our poem "Way up High". The children laced Gingerbread, and practicing writing our names. We used our scissor cutting skills to cut out Santa's beard and toys to put in our stocking. The children did a great job! For the Triangle shape we made and decorated our own tree by measuring Biggest to smallest and counted 1 to 4. We made art with different size triangles in the snow and cut up paper to decorate a triangle Reindeer.

We also have been working on our number recognition by counting candy canes. We practiced patterns and spelling our names by using Christmas light to go with our song "Lights on the Tree". Turned ourselves into Elves and enjoyed Reindeer boot camp. The children made Reindeer food for Santa's reindeer. I hope Santa's reindeer were hungry!

Our favorite activity is throwing snowballs in the classroom!!

We also worked on a special gift for our family. I hope you all enjoyed the special ornament the children made!!

We got a special visit from Santa! We enjoyed our special snack a melted snowman.

We are so fortunate to have such wonderful children and parents in our class!

We are looking forward to another busy month in January exploring and discovering our world around us!! I want to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2026

Miss Kerry & the 3 year old Lunch bunchers

This month we learned about penguins and reindeer.

Penguins are birds that can't fly but are great swimmers. They have waterproof feathers. Penguins slide on ice on their bellies for fun. They live in big groups called colonies. Penguins eat fish, squid and krill.

Reindeer have big antlers that they shed and regrow each year. They have thick fur to keep them warm. Reindeer are also great swimmers. They travel in big groups to stay safe from wolves and bears. Reindeer can run up to 50 miles per hour.

We had so much fun learning about winter animals. We can't wait to learn about more next month!

Miss Jackie and Miss Jill's 3 year old class

The class hustled and bustled all month long!

First, the students looked through catalogs and created their lists for Santa. Each child glued pictures of items they are wishing for and completed the information on the lists - their names, where they live and how old they are. The list wouldn't be complete without checking the box to let Santa know if they've been naughty or nice. We are happy to report that our whole class is on the nice list!

When Santa arrived, we each took turns sitting with him and sharing our lists. We even performed our Holiday Show songs for him and Santa was very pleased!

K, L and M were our letters of the month. The students created KINGS and holiday LIGHTS. We placed MITTENS on a clothesline in size order from smallest to largest. The worksheets we completed reinforced identifying the letters, writing the letters and identifying words that begin with the same sound.

In math, we continue practicing counting and matching the items to the correct number. We focused on the numbers 7 and 8 this month.

The students continue to work on skills such as drawing lines to match like objects. The children have been identifying patterns on worksheets and creating patterns of our own with objects and even people in our class!

We've read a lot of books about Santa this month - "Santa's Noisy Night" and "What Santa Can't Do." "Duck Santa" was fun to read and we talked about feeling proud when helping others.

"Llama Llama Holiday Drama" helped us identify words that rhyme and was a great reminder to slow down during this busy time of year. "Bear's

Christmas Star” showed us that even though we are small we can still do big things! “Green is for Christmas” was fun and we identified colors and talked about the different personalities of the crayons.

Our hallways and classroom were adorned with all of our magnificent crafts. The students created ginger bread people with different cut out items and our very own home made Santas using doilies. We strung the letters of our names in to create the perfect holiday light string.

We ended this month with our class holiday show in the church. All the practicing paid off as we took to the steps and sang our songs. We hope you enjoyed their performance as much as we did! And thank you so much for contributing to our holiday party, it was a great celebration!

We’re looking forward to the New Year with all of you!

Geography December News!...Miss Jackie & Miss Jill

This month in Geography class we celebrated “December 1st, National Eat A Red Apple Day!” with a look at Washington's apple production. We watched a production line video of how apples are picked, photographed and packaged for distribution. We then took time to color in the state symbols of Washington. Since it was “Eat a Red Apple Day!” the children received a red apple to enjoy at home.

The following week the children took a closer look at states where Christmas trees are grown. They discovered Michigan, Oregon, New York and Pennsylvania harvest trees for the holiday season. The kids viewed a video of a farm in Oregon where they use helicopters to load trees on trucks. Then the Geographers decorated their very own paper tree with colorful stickers.

We’re looking forward to discovering more fun details as we go coast to coast, state to state in the new year.

Kindergarten Enrichment a.m. Mrs. Degnan and Miss Dom,

December was a busy time for fun crafts and activities of the season; from wreaths to candy canes, our class Decked the Halls with lots of Jolly!!!

The students picked out special gifts from a catalog for a loved one and provided three hints of what it was. It was fun for them to shop the catalogs looking for that special gift. They also painted a Santa face on a clam shell!

The class heard the story of the **Poinsettia plant** and a special gift for **baby Jesus**. After reading the story of the gingerbread man, the class enjoyed a day of creating a gingerbread man from paper . We also had fun with our **elf on the shelf** in our classroom!!! His name was 'Trinity' and boy did he keep good eyes on all of us. The boys and girls had SO much fun trying to see where he would show up next! We had our own Christmas tree to decorate! Everyone had an opportunity to put felt ornaments on our special tree! We learned about **St. Nicholas Day** and all the students enjoyed chocolate coins that were left for them along with an eraser for their pencil top!

Seeing Santa come through our classroom was a huge success. The boys and girls really enjoyed spending time with the jolly man in the red suit.

We hope you enjoyed the **special gift** your child made especially for you. We are sure it found a special place on your Christmas tree this year. The shells were found along Sea Isle City beaches and were the extra large size!!!

Our class enjoyed the **Christmas party** with fun games: Find the hidden puzzle pieces in our classroom and worked as a team to put it together! Bingo, We had a lot of laughs.

We continue to practice letters words and numbers. The class is beginning to use sounding and blending! I think we will have readers before too long!!! They are also excellent at adding and subtracting numbers!!!

Happy and Healthy New Year to all our Trinity Families!!!!

• Miss Naomi & Miss Aimee's 4year old Class

Although December was short we were VERY busy in those 2 weeks. To start off December our letter of the week was K. We did a K is for kiss craft where we glued kisses all over our letter K.

Of course with it being December we started to decorate our classroom and hallway for Christmas! Our mantle with a fireplace was put up in the back of the room and to decorate that for Christmas we made stockings! We glued cotton balls on the top of our paper stocking and put glitter over our names in glue to make them sparkle. We hung them up on the mantle along with the mantle Christmas lights and wreath. We also made paper Christmas trees and made ourselves into Rudolphins with handprint antlers and a red pom pom to decorate our hallway.

Our 2 Elves on the shelf Chippy and Tippy also came to visit our classroom for a few weeks to see just how good the class has been and to report back to Santa. Chippy and Tippy gave us many laughs with their different hiding spots and costumes each day and even left us a few notes and treats as well! It was a lot of fun to have them around for December.

Letter L was the other letter we focused on in December. For our letter of the week craft we made L is for lights. We also started making Christmas ornaments and cards for our parents as gifts for Christmas. We hope you loved them! We also made reindeer food to sprinkle on our lawns on Christmas Eve to guide Santa's reindeer to our homes!

The last week of December before break we had our Christmas party and Christmas show! Thank you to everyone who signed up for our Christmas party. It was so fun for everyone and we're happy all the parents and grandparents etc. attended the party as well! Our Christmas show was the grand finale of December and it was a huge success. We practiced our Christmas songs a ton during the month and Miss Aimee and I are so proud of the children for the show they put on. They were amazing!

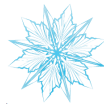
Thank you for the lovely Christmas gifts that Miss Aimee and I received from you. We are so appreciative of everything. We want to wish you all a happy and healthy new year. We are looking forward to 2026 and the second half of the school year with your children!

Happy Birthday to Ella who celebrated a birthday this month!

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- **MMO..... Adriana, Patty, Allison, Lori, Francie, Susie, Mimi, Sara, and Kerry**
- December was truly magical as we joyfully prepared for Christmas in MMO! Our sweet little helpers were busy every day creating festive crafts, singing cheerful Christmas songs, learning simple poems, and striking the cutest poses for pictures. Smiles filled the room as we marble-painted candy canes while exploring the colors red and white. We created Christmas trees and Santa hats while reinforcing our red and green colors and basic shapes. Tiny fingers dipped into red and black paint to make adorable gingerbread men, and the children worked so hard crumbling red and green tissue paper to create beautiful Christmas wreaths.
- Our little ones were absolute angels as they posed for pictures to place inside their wreaths — memories we hope you will treasure for years to come. We truly hope you enjoyed all of their heartfelt Christmas creations as much as they enjoyed making them.
- Circle time was filled with laughter and music as we sang favorite Christmas classics like *"We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Jingle Bells,"* and *"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."* One of the most special moments of the month was

Lunch with Santa. Seeing the wonder and excitement on the children's faces was simply priceless. A very special thank you to the big man in the red suit for making this unforgettable experience possible.

- As we welcome the new month, our theme will shift to "Winter." The classroom will soon be decorated with cheerful penguins, cozy mittens, sparkling snowflakes, and friendly snowmen as we continue to learn and explore together.
- The faculty of MMO would like to wish all our students and their families a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you, as always, for sharing your precious children with us — it is truly a gift and a joy we never take for granted.



Miss Tami and Miss Nenaugh's 3 day pre k

December went by in a flash! We learned about letters K and L and there was lots of painting, cutting, pasting and writing to go along with our activities. Our classroom even received a visit from Santa! He stayed for a while and we all had a chance to talk with him and share a wish from our lists.

December included a lot of singing, too. We practiced all month for our big show and were so happy to see all the family and friends that came out to watch and join us for snacks and fellowship afterwards. At that, our Christmas break began! We spent a lot of time preparing for Christmas and hope you enjoyed our show and all of our special projects. ❤️

Hoping you and your families had a Merry Christmas and that your 2026 is off to a happy start. Looking forward to lots of learning and fun in the new year!

Miss Val and Miss Mandy's 3 year old class

December flew by as we practiced singing, painting cutting pasting all our arts and crafts for projects and presents for our parents . We sang our lil hearts out and hope all our friends and families enjoyed the festivities. We love baking so we tried making gingerbread cookies and to our amazement they got out of the oven and left us clues to look for them throughout the school. Once we found them they turned out to be pretty delicious.! The class got such joy in meeting Mr. Jingles the elf on the shelf from the North Pole. Every morning we had to find him in a hiding spot in class. He like being a lil mischievous but aren't we all. We really enjoyed having Santa Claus come to our class and told him how we're all on tge good list!! He loved our songs for the Christmas Show and hope you all did too! Hope everyone had a Happy and Healthy Holidays and Thanks for all donations and gifts from you all we greatly appreciated everything you do.

