

"Ideas and dreams tumble out when you open a child's mind. "

- Joan Zatorski

**\* The Kindergarten News \***

for the week of 12 / 9 & 12 / 16

- Theme — Christmas Around the World
- Expressive Vocabulary — contempt — scorn; disregard; disobey rules  
diverse — different; unlike; various
- Bits of Intelligence — Composers

This week, we're embarking on a fun and educational journey with **Operation Find Santa**, an interactive activity designed to teach students about holiday traditions from around the world.

Through hands-on activities and teamwork, students will explore customs such as decorating trees in Germany and discover how other cultures celebrate the holiday season. They'll answer questions, solve clues, and piece together a puzzle to find out where Santa is traveling next.

This exciting project introduces children to global holiday traditions and encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and cultural awareness. By the end of the week, students will have gained a greater appreciation for the diversity of holiday celebrations worldwide.

We will also discuss the first Christmas and bring it home with some of the customs and traditions we share across our country to celebrate this wonderful holiday of peace, love, and joy. The children will draft a class wish list of what they would like for Christmas and even write their own letters to Santa. With a bit of luck, these letters should be delivered to the North Pole just in time for Christmas! Your little elves have also been busy preparing a special gift for Mom and Dad, but please don't try to get any hints from us because our lips are sealed! We will work on reviewing our sight words and word families this week.

**Important Dates**

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Family Projects and Signed report cards due

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Christmas Program

December 19<sup>th</sup> Polar Express Day – Pajama Day

December 20<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Christmas Party

**Come in and See our TREE!**

**The children worked hard to decorate it, and it looks quite festive!**

**They would love for you to see it, so feel free to take a peek!**