

December 28,2011

VALUE: PEACE Matt: 5:9 “Happy are those who strive for peace. They shall be called children of God.”

Dear Parents,

Happy Holidays! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that you have a safe and happy New Year. It's been nice to have a break, but I look forward to seeing all of you the week of January 3rd. We have many activities coming up in January – a morning Kindergarten Readiness presentation by Michelle Geraghty (Pre-K teacher) the Praise Program for our 4's, Pre-K and Science students, Caspar Baby Pants Concert, parent conferences and registration for next year. More information on these activities will be sent to you soon. Please also check our website (www.stjohnspreschoolkirkland.org) for more information.

Please refer to your class calendar and classroom news for information regarding field trips, special days and show n tell.

I want to thank all of you for all the kindnesses you bestowed on me and the staff during the holiday season. Your generosity was much appreciated. We return to school well rested and ready to plan exciting activities for you child.

1. **REGISTRATION:** Registration for the 2012-13 school year will begin in mid-January for our current families (you) and alumni families. By mid-January I will send home registration information and our class offerings for the coming year. Please remember that if you are a current family you have a position for your current student or any students you may have coming. If you have friends who are interested in registering here have them give me a call. I am beginning to schedule visits and will take registration forms from now up until the deadline of February 8th when I'll begin acceptances of new families. If you have any questions please let me know.
2. **CHRISTMAS GIFT TREES:** Thank you for your generosity in providing gifts and food items for our adopted families from Stepping Stones as well as gifts for Cascade Vista and food and gifts for Hopelink. Together we were able to make this Christmas brighter for many families.
3. **CARNIVAL AND AUCTION:** Two major events will be taking place in March and April. Please mark your calendars for our annual Carnival which will take place on Saturday March 3rd from 1-4 here at St. John's. Our annual Auction will take place on Saturday April 21st in the evening also here at St. John's. More

information about both events and procurement forms will be coming home mid January.

4. **CONFERENCES:** Conferences this year will be on Wednesday the 25th and Thursday the 26th. **The Science classes do not have conferences.** They will have class as scheduled. The Pre-3's, 3's, 3+'s, 4's and Pre-K classes will not have class, but childcare will be available during your 10 minute conference time. Parents will have 10 minute appointments with the teacher to discuss your child. Sign up sheets will be posted in the classroom windows by Monday the 9th.

5. **NO SCHOOL:** Please remember that there is NO SCHOOL on Monday January 16th because of Martin Luther King Day.

In the days to come look for Registration, Carnival, Auction, and event information for the Praise Program and Caspar Baby Pants. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

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