

(November 30th - December 4th, 2015)

"God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name." Phil. 2:9

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| Specials: | "What Makes me Super Board" |
| Monday – Art | -Bodie Hash (Jan. 4-14) |
| Tuesday – Technology | December Birthdays: |
| Wednesday –PE & Music | -Jesus (Dec. 25 th) |
| Thursday – Library and Spanish | *Please take note of the item(s) assigned to your child for our Gingerbread Activity which is listed on our class website! |
| Friday – Art | *You are all extra special! |

We are studying...

Bible: Gideon and Samson

Bible verse: Luke 2:10 – "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Character Trait: Teaching: Thoughtful – Caring for the needs of others. Reviewing: Unselfish-putting others first; Generous-sharing what I have with a happy spirit.

Math: Reviewing standard configurations for numbers 1- 20, practicing what comes before, between and after these numbers; printing #'s 11 – 13; continuing Fredericka (oral math story problems) and introducing addition facts for the 0, 1 & 2 families.

Phonics/Reading: Reading groups. Please continue to practice these sight words at home: a, the, of, for, to, is, are, I, he, no and with. Learning the sight words – was, Jesus and have

Printing: Printing color words: blue and green and sight words the, was and is.

Unit Studies: Christmas

Dates to Note:

- Our Christmas activity is this Friday, December 4th, from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. We will be making gingerbread houses. Each child will need one adult to come in and help. Please be prompt.
- **Each child will need to bring in one bag of candy to share with the class for our gingerbread houses. The candy will need to be brought in between Monday, November 30th and Wednesday, December 2nd. Thank you!**
- In addition to the bag of candy, each child has also been assigned an additional item(s) to contribute for this activity. Please note the day needed. Go to our class moodle page and click on the Gingerbread House Items Assignment under the Important list section.
<http://moodle.heritagechristian.net/course/view.php?id=564>
- The Gingerbread Bazaar is coming to HCS Elementary this Saturday, December 5th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM! As a service to our school, PTF is sponsoring a Christmas gift shop where the children will be able to purchase gifts for holiday giving. There will be many attractive and appropriate gifts, with prices ranging from \$.25 to \$15.00. Items will be wrapped and ready to go under the tree! PTF needs many volunteers to help in the shop.
<http://www.heritagechristian.net/calendars/detail/index.aspx?linkid=4425&moduleid=38>
- Pre-order your Elementary/Intermediate School Yearbooks for 2015-2016! Yearbooks are \$30.00 and may be ordered anytime between now and March 14th, 2016.
<http://www.heritagechristian.net/news/detail/index.aspx?LinkId=4583&ModuleId=61>

- **We will celebrate Jesus' birthday on Thursday, December 17th**, with costumes. Children do not need to bring a fruit break that day. The following are a few suggestions for simple costumes: Boys (Shepherds) – bathrobes or long shirts with a belt, towel for head coverings and a stuffed lamb to carry. Girls (Angels) – white or yellow sweats, dresses, or large shirts and Christmas tree tinsel pinned on for halos.
- Looking ahead: There is no school on Friday, December 18th.

Announcements:

- A big thank you to all those who helped to make our Thanksgiving sharing lunch so terrific. Thank you to everyone who sent in items. We really appreciated it!
- I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!
- It is important to make sure your child has a warm coat, hat, and gloves for recess. Winter temperatures are here!
- Please watch how your child holds pencils, crayons and markers. Your child should pinch it between the first finger and thumb. The remaining fingers should curl underneath, not rest on top. Also, please watch to see that all letters are made from top to bottom and all circles are made counter clockwise, starting at the top, right side.
- Thank you for your support of Heritage by purchasing gift cards through the Scrip program. Consider using them for your regular shopping or for holiday gifts.
<http://www.heritagechristian.net/students/SL/index.aspx>
- If school is canceled because of winter weather on the day of a special classroom event, the activity will be rescheduled the next day class is in session and at the same time.

To Do at Home:

- The "Symbols with Meaning" handout is for you to share with your family. I will send it home with your child on Monday, November 30th.
- Please note the home letter from Modern Curriculum Press that I will send home on Monday with suggested activities to do at home. They are terrific and reinforce the phonics skills the students are learning at school.
- Keep counting objects! Count to 40. Count forward and backward from 1-20.
- Your child may need a little extra help learning to zip or fasten his/her coat. Please practice this often at home till he/she can do it independently.
- Name the Number in the Teen Family - Say a number between ten and nineteen. Ask your child to name the number that comes after it. Once your child is able to consistently answer correctly, begin asking them to tell what number comes before it, then add the number between it.
- Please continue to work with your child at home with the letter flashcards till they are confident of all the letter names and sounds for both upper and lower case letters.
- Parents often ask for the names of various staff members in order to address Christmas cards. Below are some of the people with whom your child is most familiar.
Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Hunsaker (Kdg. classroom assistants)
Miss Katie (high school helper for our classroom)
Mrs. Klingerman and Mrs. Cooper (principals)
Mrs. Tank (elem. administrative assistant)
Mrs. Goossen (elem. receptionist)
Mrs. Heath (librarian)
Mrs. Bartemus (music teacher)

Mrs. Haston (art teacher)

Mrs. Thienes (Spanish teacher)

Miss Michaelson (PE teacher)

Mrs. Lind (technology teacher)

Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Pope. Mrs. Clark (nurses)

We also have several traffic officers who help at arrival and dismissal. Cards for them can be brought to the classroom and I'll forward to the transportation office. Don't forget your bus driver as well.

- Prayer for week: Purity: "Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their actions." Ps. 51:10.

Thanking God for each of you! Mrs. Mitchell

