

# Ms. Toukatly's Newsletter

January 2019

## Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 10: ASB Spirit Day Pajama Day
- Jan. 21: **No School** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 27: Open House 11:00-12:30
- Jan. 27-Feb. 2: Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 30: State of the School Address 9:00 and 6:30

Our word of the month is **Appreciation** which we will use discuss how we appreciate each student's gifts and talents from God as well as appreciating acts of service.

## Highlights from December

Explorers' short month together started off a month of celebrations sharing Alice's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday together. We are continuing our work on counting through our calendar and matching with our many popular puzzles. Imaginative play and team building skills were strengthened through choice time and recess as well, but celebration was on everyone's minds as we counted how many days were left until Christmas.

We also took time to discuss this special time in our faith life, preparing for the birth of Jesus. A parishioner of St. Cecilia parish donated a play nativity set and it instantly became a popular item with students. We talked about how Christmas is Jesus birthday and who was at the birth of Jesus and why we have some of the traditions we do nowadays.

We made mitten Christmas ornaments painting one hand with white paint. This brought on lots of giggles when the paintbrush tickled fingers and palms making for a fun process as we got ready for the holidays together. We stamped a white hand print on a green paper mitten and trimmed it with labeled red edging to hang on our family's trees.