



December 2009

Dear Berry Patch Family

We do hope your Thanksgiving was a wonderful time of family gathered and blessings shared. We appreciated the time you spent attending your child's conference. It is always special to have an opportunity to spend time with parents individually.

Our theme is **Christmas Joy**. As we prepare for Christmas we find ourselves reflecting on Christmas traditions from our own childhood. Now is when you want to begin your own family traditions. Perhaps you provide a tradition from each parent's family and add something new for your own family this year. An idea might be to bake cookies or small loaves of bread together, wrap them and deliver to neighbors. You are showing an example of serving others plus it's a family activity. It is also an example of this month's virtue, **Generosity**. Be creative this Christmas and have fun as a family!

We wish to thank you for your ongoing donations to Calvary Kidstuff. In December you may donate not only used children's clothing but also gently used toys. For our C.S.O. (Children Serving Others) project this month we will be **collecting canned goods** through the 17th. Again we are teaching our young children the important lesson of caring for the needs of others.

Please join us for our traditional Christmas program (December 8, Colonial and December 15, Calvary) at 6 PM.

Registration will take place following Christmas vacation: January 4-10 existing families, January 11-20, former families and **January 21, new families**.

May you find quiet times to treasure with your family and create traditions together as you prepare for Christmas. May we all remember to love one another for that is the greatest gift we can give! I pray your hearts will be filled with love, peace and joy. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With a Grateful Heart and Love, *Bernie*

Important Dates

December 8	Christmas Concert-Colonial, 6 pm
December 15	Christmas Concert-Calvary, 6 pm
December 18	Staff Luncheon-school ends at noon
December 19-January 3	Christmas Vacation
January 4-10	Registration for Existing Families

*School resumes on Monday, January 4