



December 2010

Dear Parents,

I 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 for December is **The Spirit of Giving**. 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. You generously put together shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child which will brighten the life of a child, thank you. For our C.S.O. (Children Serving Others) project this month we will be **collecting Hats and Mittens** 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 7th, Calvary; December 9th, Colonial and December 14th, South Metro) at 6 PM. You are in for a special treat!

Registration will take place following Christmas vacation: January 4-10 current families, January 11-20, former families. **New families will register for our South Metro location on January 11th, at Glendale Church in Savage. New families will register for our two Edina locations - Calvary & Colonial on January 20th, at Colonial Church.**

May you find quiet times to treasure with your family as you prepare for Christmas. May we all love one another well 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,

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