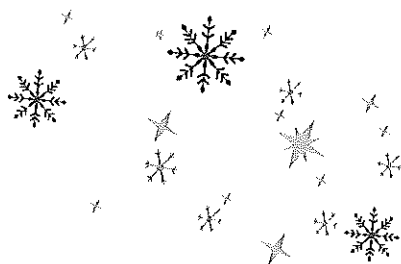


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I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want to begin by thanking all of you for attending our program "The First Christmas." I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. I thought the children did a wonderful job of acting out the story and singing all the songs. I hope we helped all of those attending to get in the holiday spirit. January always seems to bring a renewed energy to the classroom. The children seem to come back recharged and ready to learn. We will begin 2026 by identifying our last names and perfecting writing our first names. We will also begin learning our birthdates in the month of January. As you can see, we have a very busy month ahead of us.

What we are learning:

Letter: W, Y, Z, P

Numbers: 6 & 7

Colors: Blue & White

Shape: Rectangle



Emergency Alert System

With the threat of winter weather upon us, please be aware of our emergency notification system. If school is canceled due to inclement weather, you should receive a call from the school's emergency notification system notifying you of any cancellations. If for some reason school is canceled and you do not receive notification please let me know so we can verify all information has been added to the system

Things to work on:

Color Recognition

Shape Recognition

Cutting Skills

Coloring Skills

Tracing Skills

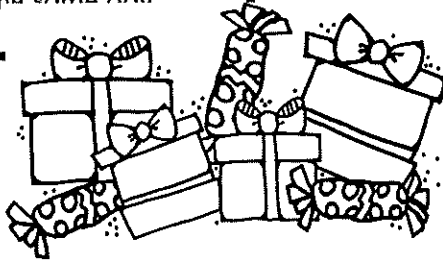
Dress for the Weather

Please be mindful of the cold temperatures that are upon us. Be sure to dress your child in clothing that is appropriate for the cold weather. While we do not go outside every day, we will occasionally catch a break in our schedule and the weather and head outdoors. Also, it can get rather chilly when waiting for all of our friends to be dropped off in the morning. So please be sure to dress warmly with at least a winter coat.



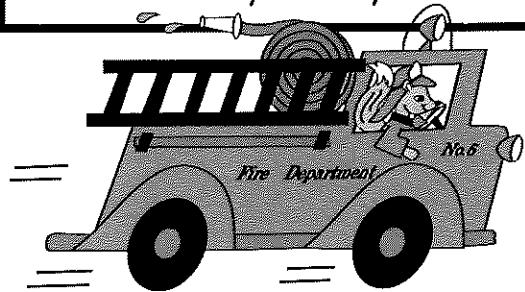
Christmas Show & Tell

Friday, January 9, is Christmas Show and Tell. Your child is invited to bring 1 (one) item they received for Christmas to show our school friends. Please be sure they bring only one item! These items will be returned the same day.



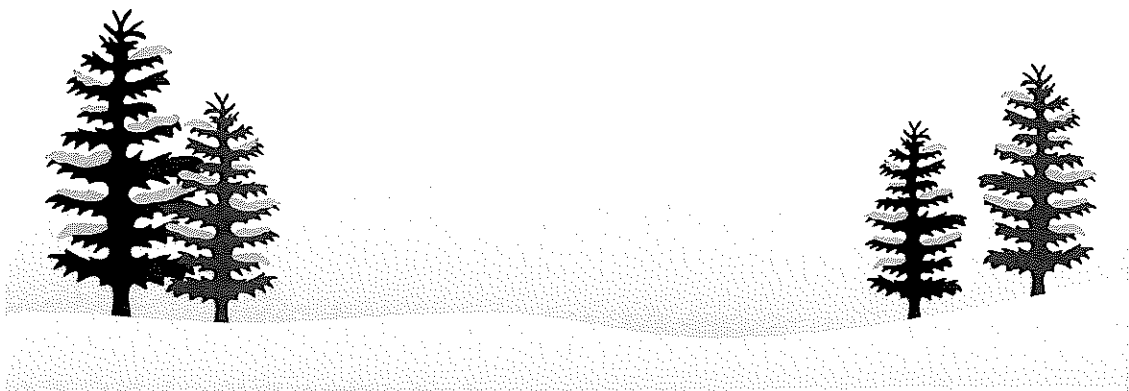
Field Trip

We will be taking a field trip to the Effingham Fire Department on Friday, January 16, at 1:00 p.m. We will leave the school at 12:45 p.m. We have plans to take a school bus for transportation. Please sign and return the attached field trip permission slip by Monday, January 12.



2026-2027 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year will begin on Monday, February 2. All current preschool students will be given the first opportunity to register for the next school year. This is for current students only, to secure a spot for the next school year. Look for the registration form and information to be sent home on January 29 & January 30. Registration will open to all St. Anthony parish and school families on Tuesday, February 17. General public registration will begin on Monday, March 2. We will also be hosting an open house for new families interested in our program on Wednesday, February 4, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. If you have friends or family who might be interested in our program, please pass along these dates. If they would like to be added to our mailing list, please have them contact the grade school office at 217-347-0419.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Letter W Number 6 No School	6	7 School Resumes *Everly	8	9 Christmas Show & Tell *Ella
Letter Y Number 6 *Laken	13	14 Library Day *Averie	15	16 Field Trip
Letter Z Number 7 No School	20	21	22	23
Letter P Number 7	27	28 Letter Learning Day	29	30 Pizza Party

*Birthday Celebrations: We will be celebrating birthdays at snack time. This will coincide with your child's snack day. Summer birthdays will be celebrated throughout the year.

- Library Day: Children get to check out library books. Please return books within a week.
- Letter Learning Day: Add one item to your bag that starts with the letter sound written on your bag.

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4 P.M. Snack Schedule

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
5	7	9
No School	*Everly	*Ella
12	14	16
*Laken	*Averie	Asa
19	21	23
No School	Sloan	Vaughn
26	28	30
Ian	Nathan	Pizza Party

Please provide a nutritious snack on your assigned day. We also ask that a drink be provided. The drink needs to be either milk or 100% juice (a jug is preferred over juice boxes). Cups and napkins will be provided by the school.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A PEANUT FREE CLASSROOM. PLEASE CHECK LABELS AND DO NOT SEND ITEMS THAT CONTAIN PEANUTS.

*Birthday Celebration