

# CLASSROOM NEWS!

St. Viator

Pre-K 4/Room 104.

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## Ms. Natalie's Newsletter

### Themes

This week, we worked with the theme of Christmas. We continued to talk about why Christmas is such a special holiday and what traditions we participate in to celebrate. Students are getting ready for the special day and have been decorating our classroom tree and outside wall with some really nice ornaments and crafts. We were working on a special gift for the parents as well. We discussed how people travel to visit family for the holidays as we read the scholastic "All Aboard for the Holidays" and the students shared where they will be going for Christmas. Students made their lists for what they want from Santa. We are hoping Santa, our elf, and Jesus sees all the good they have been doing to earn these gifts! Lastly, we began talking about winter and how animals prepare for the cold. We read a scholastic about bears hibernating and discussed migration as well. Next week, we will have an Advent prayer service and our Christmas celebration on Friday!



### Stories

*Elf Elementary* by Edward Miller

*Deck the Halls* by Maria S. Barbo

*Pete the Cat Saves Christmas* by Eric Litwin

*The Great Reindeer Rebellion* by Lisa Trumbauer

*Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* by Alan Benjamin

### Activities

**Language Arts:** Along with studying the letter M, we continued the unit in Happily Ever After centered on the book *Jingles, Poems, and Rhymes*. Students completed and colored squares, identified and circled pictures that were next to, behind, in front of, and in between each other, and identified the sequence of two sounds (one before the other). In small groups, some students are working on these lessons while other students are working in guiding reading groups where we learn pre-reading skills, sight words, and even read simple books.

**Math:** We have been counting down to Christmas and students are learning how to count backwards. Students also completed a Christmas patterning sheet where they completed the patterns with the correct Christmas item.

**Religion:** We studied Chapter 12: "We Celebrate Jesus' Birthday". Students listened to a story about a Christmas Play Mrs. Downing's class put on. We discussed the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and how the shepherds came and the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for Jesus.