



# All Saints' Day School

## Learning Through Play Since 1969



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## All Remains Well at ASDS!



Thank you for all of your ongoing support and cooperation when it comes to keeping the little people that you share with us safe. ASDS continues to be COVID-free, and we are ever grateful that we can be open to serve your children and your family. The colder weather brings with it special challenges with regard to holding the COVID Variants at bay. The balance of inside and outside activities is shifting, and the virus is said to prefer colder weather. On top of it all "asymptomatic" seems to be the word of the day, just at "break-through case" seems to be the phrase of the week. Many of us are at higher risk because we visited with extended family members over the holidays. Know that commitment to our protocols is still at the top of our list, and the protection of your children is of the utmost importance to us. Our days are busy, and our hearts are full. Once again, we wish to express our gratitude for each of you and your precious children, as well as, for your and our continued health and well-being. May each of us remain vigilant as we proceed through the season of winter so that we can continue to spread love, joy, and learning at All Saints' Day School.

## Returning Families Registration Packets for Fall 2022 Have Arrived!

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The registration packets for 2022-2023 have been released to returning families.

**Registration to the Public opens on January 3rd.**

The good news is we have listened to you, our Day School parents, and we will be extending the school day by 30 minutes beginning in the fall! Our new school day will run from 8:30 – 12:30. After School Explorations will continue to be offered several days a week; enabling you to provide your children with an additional hour of "Learning Through Play" as desired or needed.

## Holiday Program SUCCESS!



Our December 15th Holiday program was a huge success. We were taken aback by the number of people who were able to attend. It's been more than a few years since we have had a holiday performance by our ASDS children, and your support is testimony to how much it has been missed. Everyone did an OUTSTANDING job under the able direction of Ms. Claudia! The variety was amazing, and the talent among our little ones has been made evident. What a lovely way to kick off our Christmas Celebrations!

## ASDS Holiday Gift Shop – Something for All!

I'm so happy we were once again able to have our Gift Shop open to our students! Thank you, Jess Glenn, for organizing this event. I've had so many people reach out to me to share how special they thought this is, and I couldn't agree more- it's an easy way to show our children how good it feels to give and not just receive. It's yet another way that we as teachers

and parents show them how to be a part of the community and think outside of themselves. And additionally, we got to unload stuff from our closets and attics! 😊 Win-win!

Thanks so much to our volunteers who took the time to set up, shop with our students, wrap all of the gifts, then clean up when it was finished: Jess Glenn, Lindsay Johnson, Nicole Marshall, Annie Guthrie, Sarah Geneux, Abby Tesnow, Lydia Pugh, Janie Ortiz, Becky Smith, Stephanie Hechtkopf, and Meredith Huffman. We could not have done it without you! I hope everyone enjoys the special gifts your children chose for you - I can't wait to hear about them!



## From the Classrooms



### Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Leslie

This month the Sea Otters learned about the letter E, reviewed all the letters we have learned so far, and had so much fun practicing for and performing our Christmas program! We made lots of Christmas crafts and made our families a special gift. The month flew by and we are all looking forward to next year!







## Ms. Susan & Ms. Devin

December was a whirlwind! We've had so much fun making homemade presents for our families. We also made Christmas Trees with Magna-Tiles™ and jingle bells. We made mazes out of Legos™ and rolled jingle bells through our mazes. Our word wall was all about the holidays. We learned the letters Cc and Mm and their letter sounds. We had Cotton Candy Cereal and Monster Mash Cereal for our treats. We are on our 67<sup>th</sup> day of school. That's amazing!

The Stingrays worked so hard on their songs for The Christmas Program. Their hard work paid off. They were magnificent! Teacher Devin and I are so proud of them!

We planted potatoes in our garden box with Teachers Karen's and Patsy's class. We learned all about soil, gardening tools, planting, and what kind of foods potatoes produce - like yummy French Fries. We can't wait to watch them grow!

We will see ya'll next year! Happy New Year!



## Ms. Sandra, Ms. Beth, & Ms. Terry

Starfish students were busy spreading holiday cheer during the month of December. We started the month with a visit from the Gingerbread Man. Every day he arrived in our class with a special treat for the students. He brought them mini candy canes, gingerbread cookies, chocolate coins, a new book for the class and Sugar Cookie Hershey kisses. The children were so excited when he showed up in the class with all of his surprises. We read many versions of The Gingerbread Man/Boy and watched a video where the Gingerbread Man escapes from the Fox's mouth and runs away. The children made gingerbread men from cardboard cutouts and craft paper. The students decorated gingerbread house mats using small peppermint shaped erasers.

The students loved all the gifts the Gingerbread Man brought them, but the second week of December our classroom elf, Timmy, arrived with a note each day telling the class how they could spread holiday cheer. They delivered candy canes to all the other classes in the school while singing "Jingle Bells". The students sat next to someone new during snack and said many pleases and thank-yous throughout the week. Timmy was so impressed with their kindness, that he sent them a present the following week. We received a Hot Potato game to play in the class.

Throughout the month Starfish students were busy making presents for their families. They created a beautiful Christmas tree scene using watercolor paper, canvas, gems, and sparkly stars. Another Christmas tree was created using paper plates and pom poms. Two ornaments were made, one using tissue paper that was pushed into the ornament along with glitter and sequins, and the other was made using paint inside the ornament using a swirling technique. The children made a jingle-jangle bracelet with beads and a bell.

Pajama day was a blast! The children showed up in their best holiday pajamas and we popped popcorn and watched our favorite Christmas movie, *Stickman* after we read the book.

Our Starfish students were amazing during our Christmas performance. The children sang, danced, and played musical instruments to three Christmas related songs. The "Reindeer Pokey" was very entertaining!

Our classroom Christmas party was so much fun. We decorated cookies and had a fabulous time eating them along with other holiday snacks.

We were able to accomplish a lot in three short weeks, and we were also able to introduce the letters E, C, and J, numbers 7 and 8, and the rectangle shape.

December was truly memorable in the Starfish class. We are looking forward to a new year and seeing what progress our Starfish students will have the second half of the school year.



## Ms. Karen & Ms. Patsy

The Sea Turtles had an exciting December getting ready for the holidays. To start with we read books about Santa and Christmas. The Sea Turtles did a few different modes of painting this month. The kids watched what happened when we put paint and a Christmas tree in a salad spinner and gave it a spin. We also put paint on jingle bells to shake and roll on a candy cane picture while singing *Jingle Bells*. "Oh What Fun!" The Sea Turtles made gifts for their parents this month but you'll have to wait until Christmas to see what they made. Our students enjoyed learning the songs and practicing for our Holiday Program. I'm sure many of you have heard your little ones singing. PATTCO put on a Holiday Shopping Mart for your little ones to do some Christmas shopping. Thank you for all of our volunteers that donated both time and gifts to make this event so successful! And finally, our month came to an end with our Christmas Program. What a fantastic evening! We would like to wish you and your families a **Happy New Year!** Karen & Patsy



## Ms. Claudia of the Music and Art Studio

Happy New Year!

I can hardly believe that it is 2022! Hopefully your winter break was filled with love and laughter.

Thank you so much to all the families and friends who came out to support the children at our Christmas Program! We had a wonderful crowd here to recognize all the hard work both students and teachers put into this time of celebration.

What a truly remarkable and blessed event it was!



I want to shout out a BIG THANK YOU to Father Tom for his involvement and participation, to Holly for organizing and sharing costumes, the stage and backdrops, and to Kirk for working the sound system so all children could be seen and heard: "Go, tell it on the mountain!"

I am excited for all that 2022 has to offer as we learn and play together while having FUN. The winter months in the studio will be filled with creating projects for our Spring Art Show. If you thought the Christmas program was spectacular, you just wait and see what this next event will bring. Oh, the fun we will have!

Thank you for sharing your wonder-filled children with all of us at ASDS and wishing you and yours a happy New Year!

Ms Claudia



## Maestra Mercedes

¡Feliz Navidad! Your children have been having lots of fun during Spanish and I love to see how they know the songs and activities that we repeat every week at the beginning and ending of every class. They are so good at it!

The Sea Turtles and Starfish have finished their lessons about colors, and we'll start the lessons about numbers in the new year. The Sea Otters and Stingrays have done a fantastic job with their color lessons, and what can I say about their Feliz Navidad books?! They are usually for kindergarten students, but I was sure that this pre-K students would be able to do a good job... I am so proud of them! In the new year they will start learning some more vocabulary about food, animals, body, days of the week, months of the year, feelings...

All students have enjoyed our singing and dancing. Here are a few videos that they enjoy, as well as a video about the First Christmas in Spanish.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJiV9POGXqI> - First Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwYckV5hLjI> - Farm animals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOq6y-Q59eM&t=61s> - the human body

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9TTN5smxcs> - the fruits

Feliz Navidad and best wishes for a fantastic 2022!



### Pickles By Brian Crane







## Coach Jess of Kid Fit

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!







We finished out 2021 with our very own version of reindeer games! Every Tuesday we played reindeer tag, launched some reindeer out of our parachute to make them fly and had reindeer relay races. I had a stocking filled with different games and activities and the children got to pick out of my stocking to see what games we would play next! We used our hula hoops to make our very own version of the Polar Express and marched around the field. I have loved spending Tuesday mornings with your little ones! Excited for a new year with new fun games and adventures!

*In Health, Coach Jess*





## For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Activity	Notes
Monday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday December 31 <sup>st</sup>		Winter Break	Enjoy your Holidays!
Monday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Classes Resume	Welcome back!
Monday, January 17 <sup>th</sup>		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	ASDS is CLOSED.
Tuesday, February 1 <sup>st</sup>		Staff Inservice Day	ASDS is CLOSED to STUDENTS.
Monday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>		Valentine's Day	A FUN Day for All!
Monday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>		Presidents' Day	ASDS is CLOSED.

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