



# January Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back! It's wonderful to be starting the New Year, 2012, and beginning our second semester of school. We hope that everyone had a very fun and relaxing holiday break. We at St. Mary Sunday School are so proud of our students and families and we are looking forward to seeing all of you again. Everyone was greatly missed during the winter break. Before beginning my report for the month of January, I would like to take the time to say what a wonderful job the children did for our Christmas Liturgy. They worked very hard to learn their songs and perform their plays. Each precious child's performance touched our hearts in so many ways and we will always treasure the memories of that very special day. I'd also like to say "Thank You" to each child and their family for all the wonderful gifts and cards that the teachers and I received. Your generosity of spirit was truly appreciated.

January is going to be a very busy month for us and we have many exciting and fun filled activities planned for each Sunday. In the beginning of the month, all three classes will be concentrating on finishing up their units concerning the five senses. These units are essential in helping to teach each child a greater awareness and appreciation of the natural gift of the five senses that God has given to each of us. Through these special gifts of seeing, tasting, smelling, hearing and touching each child is able to discover and experience the wonderful world that God has made for us. Later in the month each class will begin concentrating on their own separate units. The three year old class will be starting their units on emotions; the four year old class will be learning about God's wonderful world of animals and the five year old class will be learning about Jesus and the loving role he plays in each of our lives. We will also begin learning our new songs for the month and start preparing for our Valentine Liturgy.

In closing, the teachers and I would like to especially "Thank" all of you for helping to make our first semester such a great success. We feel very blessed to have such a wonderful group of families supporting our program. You're simply the best! Thanks again for all you do and may everyone have a very happy, healthy and blessed New Year!

God bless to all,

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