



# Mrs. Atkins' Space Log

## DECEMBER

**Bible Verses:** You will find a list of December's Bible verses on the back of the newsletter.

### Classroom Snapshot



**Math:** This month, students will be learning how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators. They will practice finding the lowest common denominator and creating equivalent fractions in order to add or subtract accurately. When subtracting mixed numbers, students will learn how to borrow from the whole number as needed. They will also work on writing their answers in simplest form and converting improper fractions back into mixed numbers.

**Social Studies:** As we wrap up our unit on colonization, we will begin studying the American Revolution, exploring how the colonists fought for their freedom from Great Britain. Our learning will start with the French and Indian War and progress into the key events that led to the American Revolution. Students will learn about minutemen, major battles, and Paul Revere's famous midnight ride. Patriotism takes on new meaning as we reflect on the reasons and events that secured our nation's freedom.

**Science:** In December, students will be learning all about matter. This unit will cover topics such as solubility, conductors, insulators, and density. Students will get to conduct several hands-on experiments to discover which items conduct electricity, how to compare the density of different objects, and what materials are water soluble.

**Christmas Program Show Times:** This year's Christmas program will be held on December 17th at 3:30 p.m., directly following dismissal. We will also have a dress rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. Family members who cannot attend the afternoon performance are welcome to join us for the rehearsal. Because the rehearsal takes place at the start of the school day, 5th graders will need to come to school already dressed in their black clothing (including long sleeves and dark shoes).



### Important Events

Class Christmas Party:  
December 14<sup>th</sup>

Early Release: December 14<sup>th</sup> – 12 pm

OMPA Christmas Program:  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am & 3:30 pm



Christmas Break:  
Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>



### Winter Weather



As temperatures continue to drop, please make sure your child has warm clothing for recess. Students have an early morning recess when it is especially cold, and we will also be practicing our light show performance outdoors first thing in the morning. Since students will go outside for these activities unless the temperature falls below 20 degrees, it's important that they come prepared with hats, coats, gloves, and any other items they need to stay warm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: [katkins@calvarymeridianprep.org](mailto:katkins@calvarymeridianprep.org)

## December Bible Verses

December 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

### Luke 2:8 -11 (NKJV)

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

December 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### Luke 2:11 -14 (NKJV)

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

December 15<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup>

### Matthew 2:9 -11

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. <sup>11</sup> And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

No School – Christmas / New Years Break



