



*Mrs. Utschig and Mrs. Arace's  
December Newsletter*

December is going to be a very festive month in 4U/A! The students will be working on various Christmas crafts. There will be Santa faces, Christmas trees, singing reindeer, elves, Nativity scenes and many more holiday crafts. I am sure you will be surprised at the amount of projects coming home right before the Christmas vacation!

The children will be practicing their language arts skills with the letters J, K and L this month. They will make jackets, kites, lions and ladybugs! The handwriting in this class has shown great improvement! The students will practice writing their letters, numbers and names on a weekly basis.

We will create a new color by mixing blue and yellow together. Can you guess what color we will discover? The Number 5 will be introduced in December.

Religion lessons will be very easy to teach this month. The children will learn about Advent, St. Nicholas, and the Nativity. Mrs. Rinaldi will narrate the story of St. Nicholas as the children reenact the tale. The Nativity story will be taught in various ways. We will read stories, sing songs and practice for our Christmas pageant. Please note the date for our Christmas Pageant - Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30. All four Pre-K classes will perform together.

Santa's workshop will be visiting the school from Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. The children may purchase a Christmas present for members of their family at this time.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. We will send home a reminder with the date and time included.

The class will also participate in a multicultural unit that describes how different cultures celebrate holidays in December. Of course, they will know everything there is to know about Christmas, already. They will also be introduced to traditions of Hanukkah, Las Posadas and Kwanza.

The students are continuing to work on various skills this month: letter recognition, number recognition, shape and color recognition, fine motor, reading comprehension, sequencing, patterning, dramatic arts - performing, social, and more.

We hope the children will rest and relax over the Christmas vacation so they can easily move ahead into a "New Year" of learning!

