

# Trinity Learning Center

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## Smithsburg's Christmas Celebrations

There are many activities that will be great for your family to enjoy. The following events will be taking place:

Friday Dec. 3—Tree Lighting in Veteran's Park 6:30-8:30pm

- \*Caroling with DJ Rob
- \*Story time with Ms. Tammy and refreshments at the Library
- \*Visit from Santa and the Elf
- \*Will also be streamed live on Facebook

Saturday, Dec 4—Children's Party at the Top of Town Hall 2:00-4:00pm

- \*Pictures with Santa
- \*Sing along with Mr. Tony
- \*Crafts
- \*Light refreshments

Follow SCAS "Smithsburg Community Activities Committee" on Facebook for more details.

Trinity Lutheran Church welcome everyone to join them for their Christmas services. They are offering Christmas Eve services at 3:00, 7:00, and 11:00pm. and there will be a Christmas Day service at 10:30am.



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December 2021

8 & 9—Scholastic orders due

8 & 9—Green day

10—Orders for Gift Card Fundraiser due

15—Giving Tree gifts due

15 & 16—Trinity t-shirt day

15 & 16—January Tuition due

15—Library Day

20 & 21—Pajama Day

22 & 23—Christmas Parties

24—31—NO SCHOOL - Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Jan 3, 2022—Return to school

## The Giving Tree

This year, as we have many years in the past, we will be participating in a Giving Tree project to help a local family with Christmas gifts. This year we will be collecting gifts for a single parent family with 2 boys— age 7 and age 10 and the mother. There was a sign up sent to you on Remind with items listed that they would like. If you would like to participate, please sign up for an item. Once you purchase the item, please gift wrap it and return it to school with a post-it note with your name on it or the item included and who it is for. The gifts must be back no later than Wednesday, December 15th.



If you would rather give money or a gift card donation, there are also slots on the sign up for these as well. Grocery store cards, gas cards, or Walmart cards are usually good bets. Thank you all so much for your participation in helping families from our community!

*\*\* In lieu of gifts for the staff, we would love for you to purchase a gift for this family or make a donation for our local Smithsburg food bank, Tabitha's Table. Although we are honored by the gifts given to us each year, we know that there are many families out there with greater needs than ours. Thanks!*

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## Educational Gifts for Kids

At Parent Conferences, we talked about how your child is doing here at school and what they have shown us so far. We often have parents asking for ways that they can help their children learn at home as well. With Christmas coming, no doubt there will be plenty on your child's wish list. Here are some great catalogs with websites that may help steer your child into picking out some fun toys—what they don't know is that **these toys are educational too!** The best way to help your child learn?? Make it fun!

\***Hearth Song**—toys you'll feel good about giving ([hearthsong.com](http://hearthsong.com))

\***Young Explorers**—Creative Educational Products ([YoungExplorers.com](http://YoungExplorers.com))

\***The Animal Kingdom**—Imaginative, fun playthings for kids  
([theanimalkingdom.com](http://theanimalkingdom.com))

\***MindWare**—brainy toys for kids of all ages ([mindware.com](http://mindware.com))

\***U.S. Toy Company**—and sister company Constructive Playthings ([ustoy.com](http://ustoy.com))

Another great gift for kids is their own **magazine subscription**. What kid doesn't like to get their own special mail?? Here are two great ones suited for pre-schoolers:

\***Ranger Rick Jr.**—animal photos, facts, stories and crafts—ages 4-7  
([rangerrick.org](http://rangerrick.org)) \* Right now they have a year subscription for only \$12!

\***National Geographic Little Kids**—baby animal photos, stories, and games—ages 3-6

(<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/subscribe/magazines>)

~Ms. Kelli



## PAJAMA DAYS—WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL!!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST FOR THREE'S The 4's children will be enjoying the story of the Polar Express and the 3's children will be enjoying the story of the Nativity

(Please wear shoes to school, but slippers may be worn once at school if you'd like.)

# Fun Activities for 3's & 4's for the Holidays

*Holiday break will be a time for keeping your little ones busy with fun activities. Here are some fun ideas – this one is great because you can incorporate so many skills—counting the blocks, geometric shapes, talking about more and less, talking about colors, etc! Both of these ideas came from [teachingmama.org](http://teachingmama.org).*

"I love this activity because it's simple and hands-on. Use Duct tape to design a tree on the ground. Make sure to test a small spot before using Duct tape to make sure it doesn't ruin any of your floors. Then invite your child to use large blocks (like Mega blocks or Duplo blocks) to fill the tree."



## Happy Birthday!!

Cheyenne—9th

Atlee—19th

JESUS—25TH

Taylor—28th

## Merry Christmas!



Practice identifying alphabet letters with this simple activity. Write alphabet letters onto the tree and then write matching uppercase or lowercase letters on dot stickers. Have your child put a sticker on the matching letter.

**PLEASE NOTE: The cold weather is definitely upon us as 2021 comes to a close. Please remember to "update" your child's change of clothes here at school with warmer clothes. Some of the children still have shorts sets which would not be adequate for the cold weather.**



# December



			1 Book Fair-----	2 -----	3 -----	
5	6	7	8 Green Day Scholastic Due— will not arrive until Jan	9 Green Day Scholastic Due—will not arrive until Jan	10 Gift Card Fundraiser or- ders due—will arrive Dec 15	11
12	13	14	15 Giving Tree Gifts Due Tuition Due Trinity t-shirt day & Library Day	16 Tuition Due Trinity t-shirt day	17	18
19	20 Pajama Day	21 Pajama Day	22 Christmas Party	23 Christmas Party	24 NO SCHOOL- Christmas Break -----	25 Merry Christmas! -----
26 -----	27 -----	28 -----	29 -----	30 -----	31 -----	

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who will be participating and contributing to our "Shop with Scrip" fundraiser this year! We hope that everyone enjoys their gift cards and how easy this fundraiser was for our school. Part of the money raised helps us continue to provide you a quality program and part of that that will help us purchase some new classroom materials!



### December Curriculum Corner

Here's what we'll be learning this month!

**Monthly Theme:** *Holiday Fun*—topics to include holiday traditions and Christmas, and Polar Express (4's)

**Letters:** 3's class—J, D (recognizing)

4's class—Jj, Dd(recognizing and letter sounds)

**Number:** 3's class—5 (counting and recognizing)

4's class—9, 10 (counting, recognizing, and making sets)

**Color:** green

**Shape:** star

**Bible Stories:** People get ready for Jesus, Jesus is born, Wise men worship Jesus, Jesus is special

**Bible Scripture of the Month:** "...You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12

