

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with joy! We both so enjoyed getting to see all of you at conferences and listening to the kids talk about what they've enjoyed and the challenges they are facing. We are excited to move into our second trimester with strong goals and a plan for action. We appreciate you all so much as you partner with us and your child for success.

With the start of Advent, morning prayer will be focused around a nativity advent devotional. We will be adding parts to a nativity scene with a portion of scripture, to unfold the story of Christ's birth. Along with the daily prayer, we will ask the children to think about a gift they can give to Jesus to celebrate his birth. The gift can be anything they want to do for others as Random Acts of Kindness or really any activities that will bring them closer to God. For this first week of Advent, we are looking forward to reflecting on HOPE as a verb, an action, propelling us toward the birth of our savior.

Report cards go out this Friday and it is also time to pick up a new set of materials from the office. We will let you know if we finish before Friday but be sure to come to school and get everything you will need by Friday afternoon.

The Heritage/Culture projects are due tomorrow. We won't see them until the day the children present and will be a part of next trimester's report card grade. We are so looking forward to seeing and hearing their presentations this week. Look at the schedule to see which day your child will be presenting. We ask that if they are presenting a google slideshow that they share the slideshow with their teacher. If they have created a trifold, we will be recording the zoom meeting so we can go over the trifolds to grade. For presenting the trifolds, it might be easier to record your child presenting and share that with us.

You still have time to order books still from the Book Fair. Here is the link to the online fair: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stlukeschool15> . Here is a link to the library wish list in case you wish to donate books to the library: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kr0LOTN5wsPNWSFXjq15AcBK2jcGdc9H/view?usp=sharing>

Warmly,

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