At ILDS, Christmas is our MOST FAVORITE time of year! The excitement, the anticipation, the wonder—it’s so special to see Christmas through the eyes of children! Although, for kids, it can be very confusing—so much coming at them about Christmas! What is Christmas? Is it when we get presents, see Santa, have an Elf visitor, drink hot chocolate, see Christmas lights, listen to carols, eat candy, go on trips, etc?!! It gets very busy and crazy! So much to do! And, it’s ok to enjoy these things, to have fun and to make memories. But, MOST IMPORTANTLY, we want them to know and remember the REAL meaning of Christmas—that Christmas is the day that we received the greatest gift of all, JESUS. To know that He is the Reason for the Season! So, this Christmas, we encourage you to be nice to others, to help people and to teach others about God’s love. Love each other, help one another, give to others less fortunate than you and remember that GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH!

GLORY TO GOD & HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Brayden H (Pandas) - Dec 2
Ms. Judith (Shark Teacher) - Dec 2
Bailey N (Pandas) - Dec 4
Ms. Dani (Angelfish Teacher) - Dec 4
Madilyn B (Chinstrap Penguins) - Dec 6
Karley W (Chinstrap Penguins) - Dec 8
Abigail M. (Sharks) - Dec 13
Jordyn B (Tree Frogs) - Dec 13
Mac C (Sharks) - Dec 17
Jacob O (Tree Frogs) - Dec 19
Ryan P (Rock Hoppers) - Dec 20
Ms. Brittany B (Rock Hopper Penguins) - Dec 23
Ms. Francy (Angelfish/Sea Turtles) - Dec 23
JESUS—Dec 25
Vivienne E (Tree Frogs) - Dec 27
Ava L (Sharks) - Dec 27
SAY WHAT!?
FUNNY ILDS KIDS

- Ms. Gwen was playing the “if you’re a Starfish and you know it (touch your nose, etc)” game with her class. In the middle of the song, Mason coughed and Ms. Gwen said “Cover your cough.” so all the Starfish thought it was part of the game and they put their arms up to cover their coughs! (Starfish)
- The Pandas were singing “We Wish You A Merry Christmas” and they got to the part where it says “Let’s all have some Figgy Pudding” except Evelyn M. said “Let’s all have a PITY PARTY!” HA! (Pandas)
- Mercer came up to Ms. Starr and said, “Hey, that guy took my blue car.” Ms. Starr asked, “Which guy?”. He pointed to Rece and said, “That guy in the Minion shirt.” (Tree Frogs/Geckos)
- Ms. Brittany B. and LeytonAnn were playing Go Fish. LeytonAnn was down to her last card and she told Ms. Brittany, “Don’t even think about taking my last card.” (Rock Hopper Penguins)
- Ryan P. showed Ms. Jan that he thought the refrigerator was broken and he followed up by saying, “And, I’m not paying for another one!” (Rock Hopper Penguins)
- Ms. Jan was telling the kids about the story of the Pilgrims coming to America. She said, “When they came to America, who lived here?” Blake said, “The Minions!!!” (Rock Hopper Penguins)
- The Koalas were headed to use the bathroom and Ms. Mariah said, “Alright, Emilia, it’s your turn.” She replied, “No, thanks, I already pottied yesterday!” (Koalas)
- Ms. Sandra asked the kids if they knew what a cheater was? Madison S. raised her hand and said, “YES! I have a CHEETAH at home!” (Pandas)
- Ms. Maria was asking a student to follow instructions and she said, “Morgen Christian, come here.” Olivia S. said, “Yeah, MoMo Christian.” (Tree Frogs)

DON’T FORGET!

- Saturday, December 10: ILDS Play Date at ILDS Gym 8:00am-12:00pm
- Saturday, December 10 & Sunday, December 11 — ILC Drive-thru Luminary (in the church parking lot)
- Monday, December 12 LAST DAY TO TURN IN Adopt-A-Family Gifts!!
- Friday, December 16 @ 10am in the Parish Hall-ILDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16-ILDS Coloring Contest Due (on last page of this newsletter or available in the front office)
- Thursday, December 22-ILDS CLOSES EARLY @ 5:00PM
- Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26-ILDS CLOSED for Christmas
- Friday, December 30 & Monday, January 2-ILDS CLOSED for New Year’s Celebrations
ILDS IS NOW ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**—If you have someone who needs to be covered in prayer, let us know and we’ll get them on our ILDS prayer list.

- Ms. Cleo & Family
- Kellie Morel (Ms. Ashley Grant’s mother)
- Judy Wright (Mercer’s Grandma)
- David Cook
- Ms. Renee
- Camryn Adkison
- Diane Miller (Ms. Melinda’s Grandmother)
- Amanda Lamberti & Wyatt
- Dorothy Arnhamn (Ms. Diane’s aunt)
- Cynthia Bradley
- Henry Platt (newborn) & Family
- Ms. Samantha’s family

Do you have an announcement, request or advertisement that you’d like to share with the ILDS community? If so, please email claudia@ilcpville.org with your info for next month’s newsletter.
ILDs COLORING CONTEST
DUE TO ILDS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
STUDENT NAME: _______________________
CLASSROOM: _______________________