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EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Your Friday Newsletter from St. Thomas ELC

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The Nativity



This 12-foot mural was created in the style of Eric Carle by the Kindergarten Class. Kings, shepherds, angels, and animals joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus---as Mary and Joseph look on with pride.

Have a Blessed Christmas,

from

St. Thomas Early Learning Center



(The following ideas were shared over 30 years ago by **Mary Oxley**, parishioner and long-time friend of St. Thomas.)

Unplug The Christmas Machine: How to Have the Christmas You've Always Wanted

by Jo Robinson & Jean Staeheli.

Four Things Children Want for Christmas:

1. Relaxed and loving time with the family
2. Realistic expectations about gifts
3. An evenly paced holiday season
4. Strong family traditions

Some Real Gifts Children Enjoy:

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| 1. Stapler & staples | 9. Slinky |
| 2. Box of band aids | 10. Stethoscope |
| 3. Pad lock with keys to wear around their necks | 11. Mirror |
| 4. Roll of Scotch tape | 12. Hole punch |
| 5. Flashlight | 13. Markers |
| 6. Fold-up binoculars | 14. Envelopes & paper |
| 7. Magnifying glass | 15. Harmonica |
| 8. Strong magnets | 16. Real hammer, nails, scrap wood |

“RUN-RUN-AS FAST AS YOU CAN....”

Grace is making her Gingerbread Man in the Beginner's Classroom, just before Mrs. Casares reads the story to all the children.



Pajama Day in Pre-K!



....with pancakes, too!

Happy faces!





Both Kindergarten Classes are getting ready....
and waiting in costumes to begin their
Nativity Play for their parents.

~~Kindergarten Celebrates the Nativity~~



Waiting.....to begin...





Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Weatherby, &
Mrs. Sagong celebrated the
Nativity in their classrooms this week,
as parents watched and smiled.



Today's Newsletter is dedicated to the loving memory of George Huebner, Jr.....

Long-time friend of St. Thomas Early Learning Center

