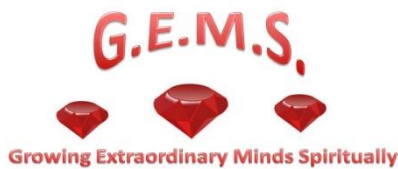


# SJLS GEMS Newsletter

December 2019



## Welcome

### At a Glance:

- Christmas is right around the corner.
- School is closed for two weeks this month!!
- School's website: [www.sjlssumter.org](http://www.sjlssumter.org)
- Check us out on Facebook

*And the angel said until them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you;*

*Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:10-14*

## School News

### Current & Upcoming Events:

- Polar Express Day Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Program Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Break Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> -Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>
- School starts Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

Welcome back!!! We hope that everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving break. We are quickly jumping into the Christmas season, and we still have so many things to celebrate and be thankful for.

Our trick or treat for UNICEF project during the month of October was very successful. The children raised \$472.00. Congratulations to Mrs. Forester's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class for raising the most.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the canned food drive. We collected 332 items (Clemson -182 and Carolina-150). The food was taken to United Ministries, where they were distributed to those in need. We are grateful for your generosity.

Our school Advent tree will be up soon and ready for you. Please stop by, grab a tag or two, and help make a difference in someone's Christmas. All tags should be attached to the gift, and all gifts should be placed under the tree **no later than noon on December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please do not put who the gift is from. All donations given will be anonymous.

If you wish to get your child's teacher something personal and need an idea, we have placed their favorite things on the school's website under the parent section.

December 19<sup>th</sup> is *Polar Express Day*. Please send your child to school in his or her pajamas. Slippers are not allowed due to recess. This is a regular, full school day.

## School News (continued)

This year our school Christmas program will take place on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> with a program and fellowship time. Please bring in your favorite Christmas finger food. Please make sure your treat is peanut/ nut free. This celebration will be held at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is the last day of school before Christmas break.

Christmas Break is December 21<sup>st</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a nice, long, two-week vacation. School will resume on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

The After School Enrichment Program will be open on the following days: December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you need care, please register with the school office by December 13<sup>th</sup>. We need a certain amount of children in order to open. The fee for holiday care is \$8/hour or 40.00 a day. More info will be coming home. Payments are due in advance.

We would like to wish the following people a very happy birthday: Ms. Shantel Taylor, Brooklynn Moore, Daniel McCarthy, Gabriella Feldner, Elsa White, Alexandra Edwards, and Aaron Reyes.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and holiday season. Enjoy your vacations, stay safe and we'll see you back in January!



