



## Christmas Program

Abner students enjoyed performing their annual Christmas program for friends and family. This year's program, "Journey to Bethlehem" was a wonderful success. The Elementary students and some of our older Primary students told the story of the first Christmas while our Primary and Pre-Primary students sang songs. We also had a special visitor for this year's program: Santa Claus! Santa met with students and their families after the program to take pictures in front of our holiday backdrop. We would like to thank all of our guests for attending and supporting our students.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from  
Abner Montessori School!*

## Upcoming Dates

**December 20th - January 2nd, 2019**

*Abner Montessori Closed for Holidays*

**December 24th - January 2nd, 2019**

*Sky Closed for Holidays*

**January 3rd, 2019**

*Abner and Sky resume normal schedule*

**January 21st**

*Abner Closed for Teacher In-Service Day; Sky Open All Day*

## Pre-Primary

Our Pre-Primary students had a busy December. Students began the season by making special crafts for their families. They painted wreaths and gingerbread men and used their fingerprints to make Christmas lights. A special mouse craft was created using footprints that were placed along side the opening line from the classic Christmas poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Student handprints were used to make reindeer antlers that were paired with photos taken over the school year.

Pre-Primary students also worked hard practicing with their musical instruments for performing in the Abner Christmas Program. They played along with two songs during our program and did a great job.

Thank you to all the parents who bought items for our classroom. We are always appreciative of the support from our student's families.



Our children enjoyed seeing our Christmas Tree go up and decorating the classroom with their art work.

We look forward to 2019 and watching our young students continue to grow.

## Primary

Primary students had a wonderful last month of 2018 in their classrooms. Students spent time practicing for the Christmas program. They did a great job learning the hand motions and lyrics for all of our songs. Students got to experience holiday themed practical work. The children also made a snowman ornament featuring their portrait as a gift for their families.



Students heard the story What God Wants for Christmas, which is a book about the true meaning of Christmas.

The last day of the semester is always special because Abner holds its annual pajama day. On pajama day students were



treated to a special breakfast of fresh waffles and hot chocolate, and they watched the holiday classic *The Polar Express*. They also spent the morning opening presents for the classroom purchased by our families. Our primary classes would like to thank everyone who bought items. Your support helps our classroom and is very appreciated during the holiday season.

## Elementary

As a class, we continued our daily devotional including scripture from the Bible, discussion, and prayer. We also followed the story of the nativity through our advent chain. All students worked on their Christmas Through the Senses writing throughout the month. Students also enjoyed unique holiday-themed work for their free time. This included crossword puzzles, word scrambles, and a special math coloring sheet.

Students also helped with our school's Nancy K. Perry gift drive. Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter is a Lexington based shelter focusing on caring for children who come from abusive and neglectful situations. Students decorated the board used for the front office display.

Several of our students discovered a joy of architecture, especially the Roman Arch. Elementary students continued growing and refining their math and reading skills.

The elementary students worked hard to present the story of the first Christmas for the Abner Christmas program. Several of our students also had special musical performances in the program which include playing guitar and a drum march.

The Elementary students hosted a Parent breakfast to celebrate the Christmas season. We enjoyed the company and food brought by our students' families.

Thank you to everyone who bought gifts and supplies for our classroom. These gifts help our class in many ways, and we are very thankful for our supportive families.

We look forward to a great 2019!

