

# December IS Newsletter



**ART**  
Mrs. Shaarda

Our December Art Classes were fun and festive! Early Elementary classes enjoyed creating 3D Christmas trees by cutting, folding, and gluing paper. Also, a sweet, smiley snowman collage was completed to ring in the winter season. I see lots of progress with staying on task and waiting patiently!

Older elementary students also created snowmen, learning about perspective in the process. Snowmen were drawn with oil pastels from a "worm's eye" or aerial viewpoint. They turned out amazing! Fancy paper snowflakes were a bit challenging but I was proud of the students for not giving up, often having to try and try again!

I hope you are enjoying all of the beautiful artwork coming home and have found room to display it



**SCIENCE**  
Mrs. Them

Our December science classes closed our electricity unit for older students and habitat unit for younger students. In our final week of electricity, students were again able to experiment building open and closed circuits, but we also discussed the energy within in an atom. How this energy made by God compares to no other man made energy. Our younger students completed their habitat project and hopefully still remember the four necessary components for every successful habitat.

The older students tested the milk absorption abilities of different cookies. We had a lot of fun! Younger students had a STEM focused class building Christmas trees, houses, and fences using gum drops and toothpicks. Seeing each student's abilities and ideas during our building challenges and free building time was very special. I very much enjoy being a part of your child's education.



**MUSIC**  
Miss Noble

December was all about the Christmas Musical in music class! We put the finishing touches on the musical and practiced onstage, The kids worked really hard at their dress rehearsal. They did a great job performing the musical!

For our final class of the year, we viewed the DVD of the performance as part of their Christmas party. We enjoyed the music and acting without the pressure of performing!

Check the IS Facebook page for more pictures of the kids in the time machine.



**P.E.**  
Mrs. Byler

Happy New Year!

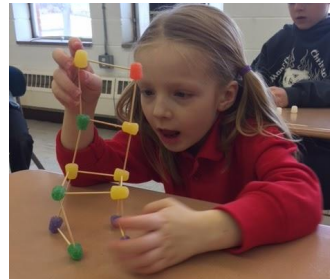
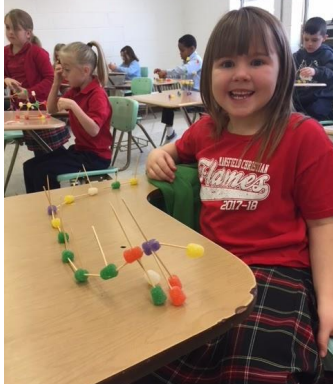
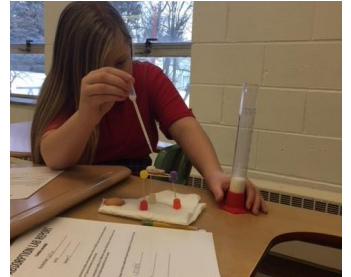
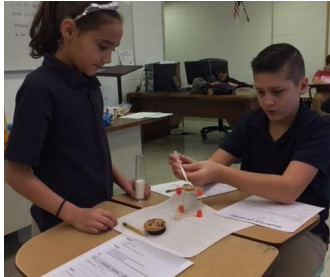
I pray that you all had a blessed Christmas with family and friends. December always seems to fly by with all of the hustle and bustle.

In PE we played hockey and the kids had a blast. We played hockey pirates and line hockey.

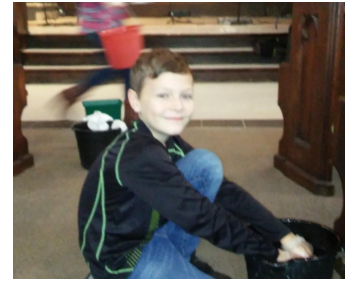
I'm looking forward to seeing the students and hear all about their Christmas break!

## Next Coffee Chat Friday, February 16

A representative from Heartland Outdoor School will be here to talk about our upcoming camp at Heartland



Pics from December classes



## Service Projects - Ocie Hill Neighborhood Center, Mosaic Church, Grace Episcopal Church

A great day of serving our community! One group helped at the Ocie Hill Neighborhood Center freeing a couple rooms of trash and throwing it out the window into the dumpster and cleaning the bleachers and gymnasium floor. Another group dusted the old wooden pews at Mosaic church with Murphy's oil soap and raked some leaves. It must have smelled wonderful after they left. The group at Grace Episcopal Church sorted books to be distributed as gifts to families in the area. Thank you to all that signed up. This is a wonderful way to put the spirit of helping in our kids' hearts.

# Upcoming Events for IS!

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## January

Class - Jan 5

Class - Jan 19  
Speech Meet

Class - Jan 26

## February

Class - Feb 2

Field Trip - Feb 9  
Mansfield Memorial  
Homes

Class - Feb 16  
Valentine Party  
Coffee Chat - Heartland  
Representative

IS Educational Expo  
Feb 23

## March

Class - March 2

IS Breakfast - March 3  
8 am - 11:00 am

Heartland Camp  
March 19-21

Class - March 23