Another short and busy month at SMACS and on top of that we sure know how to have fun during the holidays! With all the new materials we learned, our kids put on an amazing Christmas Fair!

K-2 advanced to the number 5, the Star & Rectangle shape, and the Colors Red, Green & Yellow in both Armenian and English.

K-3 moved on to letters Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo, & Pp, Numbers 10 & 11 & Armenian letters using games as a learning tool. Also in both Armenian and English classes they learned the colors Red, Yellow & Green and Shapes Star & Rectangle.

K-4 focused on learning and writing the Letters Mm, Nn, & Oo and Numbers 14 &15. And in both languages focused on the colors Yellow, Green & Red, Star & Rectangle Shape. In Armenian class they learned a new alphabet.

In Bible Class all classes read The Christmas Story- Jesus' Birth. Bible Verse John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

During story time they were read “The Mysterious Star,” “Twelve Days of Christmas” & “The Night Before Christmas.” And of course all the songs they learned this month for the Christmas Fair!

With 2014 coming to an end our kids had a fun filled school year! They have learned so much in the past five months. Created wonderful art pieces, improved in their writing, coloring, reading, listening, and sharing skills, speaking stronger in their native language, learning their numbers and letters in two languages, and the list goes on. Seeing the results in our kids assures us that our kids are getting the proper education we as parents look for. And for all this we have our wonderful Pre-School Teachers and our Teacher’s Aid’s to thank. So, a special Thank You to all our Pre-School Staff for all the extra time and effort each of you put in our kids as if they are your own.

On Sunday, December 7th SMACS had their 2014 Christmas Fair!! The kids put on such an amazing show! The theme was “Christmas Around the World”. Each class had their special way of familiarizing us on how Christmas is celebrated around the world. In one day we celebrated Christmas in Mexico, Hawaii, China, Germany, France, Lebanon, Armenia, and many more.

Our classes represented Hawaii, Mexico and our K-2 class was dressed up as the Nativity Scene. The kids sang and danced in Hawaiian and Spanish. The Chapel was crowded with Family & Friends and eyes filled with tears as each guest saw their shining star shine the brightest!

Pictures below!!

Christmas Fair
With this year coming to an end, we’d like to know our Pre-School Director Mrs. Lucy Stepanian a little better.

**Birthplace:** Limassol, Cyprus  
**Hobbies:** Cooking, Hiking & Camping  
**Favorite Color:** Green  
“Love GREEN! Recycle!” —Mrs. Lucy  
**Favorite Movie:** Elf  
**Favorite Book:** Pilgrim’s Progress by John Bunyan  
**Favorite Animal:** Giraffe  
**Three items you can’t live without:** Bible, Water & Fruits

**Favorite part about teaching:** “Knowing that I am making tomorrow a better place, one child at a time and letting them know that all things are possible with God.”  
**What have your Students taught you?:** “They have taught me that learning should be simple, fun, and full of exploring!”  
**Who is your inspiration and why?:** “My parents. They both have taught me to always put God first and trust Him no matter what the circumstance is.”

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**My Thanksgiving Dinner**

In last month’s issue we asked if you’d like to share your family Thanksgiving dinner with us. We had Johnny Karaoghlanian from K3.

This is Johnny and his cousin Joshua hanging out Joshua’s house and being thankful for each other. Together they like to play with cars, workout, dance and their favorite game Hide-n-Seek!!

Thanks Johnny for sharing with us!!

Next month we’d like to share your Favorite time during Christmas Break! Please email to smacspreschoolkids@gmail.com

Thank you to all the parents who have shared their stories with us this year!!

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**December Birthdays**

K-2  
ANTHONY KARAKACHIAN  
K-3  
ADDISON ARMSTRONG  
K-4A  
VANA HOVAGIMIAN  
K-4B  
LUCAS KALEMKARYAN  
LILIT MANVELYAN
Parents:

What a joy and a blessing it is to serve you at Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian Pre-School! During this time of joy, I would like to send my personal gratitude to each of you and your families for being a part of our Pre-School. It is so wonderful for me to share the excitement of Christmas with your child. May the beauty, peace, and joy of this most blessed season fill you with the love of God. Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—Lucy Stepanian

Reminders

♦ Please do not forget that we are collecting Box Tops. With all the cooking and eating that we will be going on this holiday, remember to check for Box Tops!

♦ We have had such success with our recycling program! We would like to continue the program to help each class get what is needed for them. Every bit helps.

♦ We would like to say a special thank you to all our HomeRoom Moms who have worked so hard at each event and the extra time you each put in to help each class receive what is needed to further educate them.

♦ We would like to thank all the parents and families that donated, volunteered their time and supported our classes during the Christmas Fair.

Upcoming Events!

♦ December 23rd — Pre-School Christmas Party
♦ December 23rd — Minimum day, Free Dress Day, Last day of 2014
♦ January 8th — First day of school in 2015!
♦ Monday January 19th – No School Martin Luther King Day
♦ Thursday January 22nd - OPEN HOUSE at 7:00pm
♦ Monday January 26th — Early Registration for 2015-2016 School Year begins
K-4A left out cookies.. and they had a visitor....
Thank you to all the parents who sent in their photos to share in this month's issue!
If you would like to share your photos please email them to smacspreschoolkids@gmail.com
Mrs. Seta's K-4B Class
top photo: Mrs. Seta’s & Mrs. Nicky’s K-4B Class in front of SMACS Christmas Tree in the Courtyard.

above: Mrs. Dalita’s K-3 Class with their animal hats they earned for remembering all their numbers on their first try.

above right: Mrs. Lara’s K-2 Class in front of their classroom Christmas Tree

right: K-4B: Lilit’s and Lucas’ Birthday Party!!
Green & Red Jell-O Day

Our K-2, K-3, & K-4B class making Jell-O for their party!!
Mrs. Lucy's Jell-O Party!!
Letters to Santa!!