



### Toys for Tots

This year, we are again participating with the Midsouth Toys for Tots program. . A box will be placed in the school lobby where the toys can be dropped off. The toys will be picked up by **December 16**. Some specifics: (1) new, unwrapped gifts; (2) \$30 or less; (3) not accepted: realistic looking guns nor food items; (4) toys for ages 11-13 (boys and girls) are most needed. We hope you will allow your child to participate and learn the joy of giving during this Christmas season!

The primary goal and objective of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources - our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

### Spelling Bee Winner

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winner: Elanis Kelley. Elanis is a 6th grader in Mr. Stuckey's class and will have the opportunity to participate in the Memphis-Shelby County Spelling Bee sponsored by the Commercial Appeal in February 2012.

### Christmas Shoppe

The Christmas Shoppe will be opened for the children to go shopping **Tuesday ~ Thursday, December 13 - 15, 2011** for their friends, family and loved ones. (This activity is completely optional). You will be receiving a notice for what days and times your child's class is signed up to attend the Christmas Shoppe. Please send money in an envelope labeled with your child's name and the family/friends for whom they wish to purchase gifts (it helps to put the age of siblings). This helps the teachers/staff help the children when making gift selections. The prices of items range from .25¢ per item up to \$10.00 per item.

### Christmas Program

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Program, "The Light Before Christmas". It is on **Thursday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m.** All of the students are a part of the program. Be sure to invite your friends and family for the event. Students will wear blue jeans and a white turtleneck or white button down shirt. Please make sure there are no graphics, logos, or markings on the shirts.. just a plain, white top. Please bring your child to their classroom by 6:30 p.m. The program will last approximately one hour.

### Class Christmas Parties

Each class will have a Christmas party on **Friday, December 16th**. Your child's teacher will inform everyone in the class of the party plans.

### Christmas Holiday

Christmas Holiday dates are **December 19th until January 3rd**. There will be **NO School** during the Christmas Holiday. School will resume its regular schedule on **Wednesday, January 4th, 2012**.

*Christ the Rock Christian Academy wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*