

December 17, 2025

ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

CAL CONNECTION

Dates & Reminders:

- **December 15th -19th** Christmas Spirit Week
- **December 19th** Class Christmas Parties
- **December 22nd - January 2nd** Christmas Break **NO SCHOOL**
- **January 5th** Teacher In-Service **NO SCHOOL**
- **January 6th** Second semester begins!
- **January 19th** MLK Jr Day **NO SCHOOL**
- **February 2nd** Remote Learning Day **NO SCHOOL**
- **February 9th -13th** Unity Week
- **February 26th -27th** Professional Development **NO SCHOOL**

Please email elreception@caschools.us with all attendance or dismissal changes. Changes must be made by **1pm** and early dismissals conclude **@2:15 each day.**

Christmas Break

Last Day for students:
Friday, December 19th



Students return to school:
Tuesday, January 6th

Enjoy extra time spent together in celebrating the birth of our Savior this Christmas.



Chapel Corner

Join us for Chapel!

Tuesdays

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades

8:10-8:35

3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

8:55-9:30

Not able to join us for chapel?

Check out the video link below!

K, 1st, & 2nd

3rd, 4th, & 5th

Chapel Family Questions

What is the true meaning of Christmas?

"Christmas is the celebration of Jesus Christ coming to earth. It is God sending us the greatest gift of love—His own son."

But why do we do things like lights, Santa, and gifts?

"Those traditions—like lights, music, and giving—are wonderful ways to celebrate that great gift of Jesus! They aren't bad, but we have to make sure they are always pointing back to the reason we celebrate: Jesus' birth."

Dr. Shell's LEGO
Advent
Calendar!
[Click here](#)



A Note from the Counselors:

Hello CAL Families!

Christmastime is here and with the holiday season comes lots of emotions, big and small. Here are some tips and tools you can use to help your student(s) manage their feelings any time of year!

1. Help students identify their feelings - knowing what they are feeling and why is the first step in figuring out what to do with a situation or big emotion. A feelings wheel is an excellent tool to help with this!
2. Let your student(s) see you using your coping skills and share your experiences with them.
3. Calm Down with CHRIST - this coping tool is great to help students calm down in the moment and turn over their feelings to God:

Count to 10
Hold prayer hands
Read your Bible
Imagine a happy place
Steady breathing
Talk to God

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:14

Merry Christmas,

The Counseling Team
Kate Black and Ashton Brown