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Dear Parents,

Let us give you a gift and a challenge at the same time. As our special season of Advent approaches, allow yourself and your family to be swept into the simplicity of the season. Rather than giving in to the hype of overconsumption, overindulgence, and continued hustle and bustle of gift buying and all that glitters, refocus your time and effort on the real meaning of the season: the birth of our Lord. As Mary anticipated Jesus' birth and the surprises a new baby brings, she waited patiently and simply, without distraction. We want to give our students, faculty and staff the opportunity to slow the pace, turn the focus, and enjoy the lighting of the Advent wreath and all that it symbolizes.

Each student will bring home a homemade version of the Advent wreath. Take the time to learn together about the oldest traditions of our faith around the quiet and peace of waiting for the birth of our Savior.

We are pledging this year in our classrooms to focus on this beautiful tradition, and not to allow the commercialized trends to take us out of that focus. Therefore, we are asking everyone in our CKS family - teachers, staff, students and parents - to quiet the pace, to turn attention to the Advent wreath, and to subtract the distractions that come this time of year.

We encourage you at home to take up this challenge, and to enjoy the many gifts it will bring you and your family as the simplicity of the time of Advent rejuvenates your Christmas experience.

God bless,

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