



# MRS. McDONOUGH'S MUSIC NOTES

## Open House and Vocabulary

December 2017

Now that Thanksgiving is over, we've put away our turkey songs and moved on to Advent and Christmas! *Please mark your calendars to join us for the Christmas Open House on Monday, December 18!* Your child's classroom teacher will give you more details.

Holidays are a great time to add new words to your child's **vocabulary**. Many songs we sing at Christmas are over 100 years old and contain words that we usually only hear this time of year. Words like manger, frankincense, and even St. Nick might be new to your child. In music class we're coming across several unusual words in Christmas carols! We've learned about "tidings" and "kin," and we'll soon see a picture of a one horse open sleigh. As you go through the season, see how many special Christmas words you can share!