

## Fall Gala Class Gift Ideas:

Kids Art Projects: [kidsartproject.com/gallery.asp](http://kidsartproject.com/gallery.asp)

**All Gods Flowers** – have each child draw or paint a flower (a certain size) then paste onto a posterboard and name the artwork All Gods Flowers at the bottom. Then collect money from each student for the framing.

**Beary Special** – same idea but have each child draw/color a bear.

**Angels** – An angel hand drawn by each student framed in a poster.

**Bridges of their Dreams** – each child draws/colors a bridge – collect money to frame it.

**The Sign of the Cross** – Give each child a cross to color or paint, then cut each cross out and layout on a poster in the sign of the cross. Name it the sign of the cross. Collect money for framing.

**Christmas Tree Theme** – Purchase an artificial tree and decorate it with a theme chosen and designed by the students. Another Tree theme idea – have each child buy a xmas CD and hang from the tree and sell the cd tree. Make sure all the music cd's are different.

**Christmas Tree Skirt** – have the children decorate a Christmas tree skirt

### **Advent Calendar**

**Jesse Tree** – In the month before Christmas, the church anticipates the coming of Jesus, the light of the world, through readings that span from the Old Testament creation story through Jesus' birth. Jesse, for whom the tree is named, is the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. At the top of this family tree are Mary and Jesus. Depicted in church windows and artwork for hundreds of years, this visual tree of life may even have been a forerunner of today's Christmas tree.

**Canvas bags** – everyone is trying to go green, buy 10 canvas bags and have the students' hand paint them and they will be auctioned off as a group for someone to use for groceries etc...

**Directors Chair** – Buy a blank canvas directors chair and have the students' paint a set.

**Park/Mud Room Bench** – have the children paint their handprints all over the bench.

**Pottery Store Items** – contact the Village Clay about making a project – platters before the holidays are always nice.

**Beer Collection** – Each student could have their parent donate a six pack of their favorite beer with a story as to why this beer is so memorable. The students could make up a book with these stories and illustrate it, and then we could stack the beer in a pyramid at the gala.

**Wine Collection** – same as Beer but with Wine

### **Painted Mailbox**

**Rosary** - Each student has designed a clay bead to create a one-of-a kind rosary commemorating this First Communion year.

## **Communion Table Cloth**

**Recipe Book** – Have the children bring in their family favorite recipes, or favorite cookie recipes. Have them write a story as to why these recipes are their favorite. Put together an album with the typed recipes. Have the children make some drawing to go with the recipes. Christmas cookie recipes would sell great this time of year.

**Monopoly Game** – Children can design their own Monopoly board with their names as the properties, they can design their own chance cards and money as well. Get the board laminated, properties as well, the students can find their own items for the pieces etc...

**Cookie Jar** – buy a white or cream colored ceramic cookie jar, paint a bunch of brown circles on it and use the kids fingerprints to make the chocolate chips.

**Game Table** – have the class paint a checkerboard table with a set of chairs to match

## **Painted bookcase**

**1<sup>st</sup> grade time capsule** – Have the children make a memory box filled with mementos of 1<sup>st</sup> grade and dreams and wishes for 8<sup>th</sup> grade – they can open it at 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.

**Memory Book** – Take B/w Photos of each student and put in a memory books with their aspirations and dreams for the future.

## **Painted Toy Box**

**Open Ended Question Book** – Create an open ended question book from your students... For example Which Dinosaur is your parent like & Why. Have the students draw pictures etc...

## **Mosaic Tile Tables or Mirror**

## **Quilt**

## **Painted Flower Pot and Gardening Supplies**