



Trinity Lutheran Christian Preschool Newsletter

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From the Director

The Christmas Season is upon us! Here at Trinity, Jesus' birth is the focus and we hope the children learn that God loves us **SO** much, that he gave us the gift of his son. Everyone is invited to celebrate Jesus' birthday with us at our **Christmas Programs on Monday, December 17 (morning classes) at 6:30 pm & Tuesday, December 18 (afternoon classes) at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.**

The children will entertain family and friends with songs and poems that reflect the true meaning of Christmas. This is truly one of the highlights of the year! We ask each family to bring 1 dozen cookies the night of the program. The children will be dropped off in their classrooms at 6:15 pm. After the program we will have cookies and punch in Noecker Hall. We will be sending home several reminders. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY EVERYTHING THAT COMES HOME.** It will be very busy and crowded that night so your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Be sure to send in a baby picture of your child and check out the display, "Who else was a baby like Jesus?" in the hallway. Can you spot the staff? This is one of our favorite displays of the year!

There is certainly no lack of joy and enthusiasm here at school as the excitement of our little ones grows each day. **We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!**

Weather Delays/Closings

As winter approaches, here is a reminder of our weather policy: Trinity will be closed for bad weather the same as Circleville City Schools. If Circleville has a delay for weather, our morning classes will have a **ONE** hour delay. Dismissal time is the same (morning classes will meet 10:00-11:30 am). Afternoon classes are not affected by delays. Our closings and delays will be posted on Channels 4, 6, 10 & FOX as well as their websites. Please always remember that even when we are open, if you are not comfortable driving or feel it is unsafe, keep your child home and just give us a call. Around here snowfall can be very hit or miss and we have families from many different school districts.

Preschool Progress Reports will be sent home before the Christmas break. More extensive assessments will be completed in Jan. & Feb. followed by Parent-Teacher conferences in March. If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please call me or your child's teacher.

This newsletter is for both Dec. & Jan. I am sending home a sheet of tuition coupons for Jan. – May. Thank you for using these. Tuition coupons can also be found on the side of the payment drop box.

We are collecting disposable **DIAPERS AND BABY WIPES** for the Elizabeth's Hope Resource Center through December 20. They are mostly in need of diaper sizes 4, 5, & 6. Thanks for helping your child understand the blessing of giving to others.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 3 & 4Chapel
 December 3 & 11Fire Drills
 December 5 & 6Mrs. Arthur reads
 December 13...Afternoon 4's & 5's sing at Brown Memorial
 December 17 (AM classes)... Christmas Program 6:30pm
 December 18 (PM classes)...Christmas Program 6:30 pm
 December 21 through January 6.....NO SCHOOL
 January 7School resumes
 January 14 & 15Fire Drills
 January 21**NO SCHOOL** (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
 January 16 & 17.....Chapel
 January 28 & 29.....Safety Drills

THANK YOU FOR . . .

Grocery items donated to our "Trinity Store" then given to the Emergency Clearing House
 Donations of dolls for Cailin's Doll Ministry
 Donations and attending our Thanksgiving Feasts (Mrs. Lamb's classes)
 Gifts of diapers & wipes for Elizabeth's Hope
 Reinforcing with your children the importance of Giving to others

**"God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)
 Merry Christmas!**



Teacher Talk

News from the classroom!

“For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:11

Mrs. Lamb **Class: Hoppers**

We are blessed to have such wonderful families. Thank you for all of the donations for our Thanksgiving Feast. It was a wonderful day and we couldn't have done it without you! We hope you enjoyed this special event.

In December we will definitely be busy elves! We will study hibernating animals and the changing of the seasons. We will talk about the difference between want and need. We will learn that we are God's elves and we need to help those less fortunate. We'll have an elf toy center. The children will pretend to be elves, making and fixing toys. We will have a small tree they can decorate over and over. We will have fun decorating our room and preparing for Jesus' birthday. We will learn the Christmas story and prepare songs for our Christmas Program.

In January we will make snowmen and study snowflakes. We'll do more color experiments, mixing yellow and blue. We will experiment with ice in the water table. Hopper the Frog will continue to circulate. The children love sharing their own stories of Hopper with the class. The storybook will make its way to every home.

This is a very busy season. Please take the time to read to your child every night. It is a great way to spend quiet time with your child and it is so very important to their literacy skills.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas!
Love, Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Skidmore

Mrs. White **Class: Skippers**

Our classroom is filled with busy little elves this month as we anxiously prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday. We are really enjoying the gift wrapping center in the room. The children can practice cutting wrapping paper, tearing small pieces of tape and wrapping up small boxes. If you would like to donate for this, we can always use rolls of scotch tape, left over wrapping paper and small, sturdy jewelry type boxes. We will work on letter **J** this month, with the focus on Baby Jesus. We can't tell you what else we will be working on . . . it's a secret . . .shhhh.

We have already started practicing for our Christmas Program! Our programs are Monday, Dec.17 (AM class) at 6:30 pm and Tuesday, Dec.18 (PM class) at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars! The afternoon class, along with Mrs. Bond's class will be going to Brown Memorial Nursing Home on Thurs. Dec. 13 to spread a little Christmas cheer. The residents there really enjoy when the kids stop in to entertain them with songs and smiles. They usually end up singing along on a couple of songs!

I have been assessing the children for their Fall Progress Report. This report focuses mostly on social and class-room skills but does include some academic skill assessment. I will continue to assess the children in January and we will have Parent/Teacher conferences in March. Look for this first Progress Report to come home with your child on December 19th.

Mrs. Koby and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas. Let us never forget that *Jesus is the reason for the season!*

Mrs. Bond **Class: Jumpers**

During December we will be sharing the message of our Savior's birth. How wonderful it is to know that our Savior came into this world like each of us, as a baby. Be certain to look for our baby pictures on display in the 3 & 4 year old hallway.

We will be learning about Christmas, penguins, Martin Luther King Jr., winter and letters "K", "L", "M", "N" and "O" during the months of December and January. We have been improving our self-portraits by adding details. We are practicing singing our ABC's and counting to 100 by 1's and 10's. We are trying not to skip any letters or numbers as we master these important skills. We will practice letter sounds using our ABC charts very soon. The children continue to do a great job with their homework assignments. I will be sending home mid-year evaluations in December.

We have had a wonderful fall season and are so very pleased with the progress the children are making as they learn and grow. Mrs. Skidmore and I would like to wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2019!

With love, Mrs. Bond