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Director's Corner

The Christmas season is certainly full of joy and love. However, sometime the hustle and bustle of this holiday can draw us away from it's true meaning. The staff of Children 's House will be working together this month as we focus on the Christmas story, as told from the Bible. Through age appropriate songs, hand-on activities, art and games teachers will share the wonderful experience of Christmas with their class. Preschool chapel will also focus on the story of Christmas.

We invite everyone to help us spread the joy of Christmas though the joyful sounds of Christmas music. Led by their teachers Pre-K three's and four's will be the stars of the annual Children's House Christmas program; hosted on December 12 th at 6:15 p.m. in the Central Baptist Church sanctuary.

Families are invited to join us for Wednesday night dinner on December 12th. Dinner is served from 4:45-5:45 in Merriam Hall. Menu includes: beef roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, yeast rolls and a dessert. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Reservations can be made at the main Children's House office, also reservations slips will go home in your child's mailbox. Please have all reservations in by noon on Tuesday December 11th. We hope to see you there.

From the entire staff at Children's House, we wish you a wonderful Christmas season with many memories.

Judy

INFORMATION STATION

This is the time of the year we often see increased foot traffic around the building as it becomes darker a little earlier and the cold weather creates a cold car ride. We want to remind parents to never leave personal items or children unattended in their vehicles. Please also do not leave your vehicle unlocked or running while in the building, even if it is just for a few minutes.

Dates to remember:

Closures: December 24 & 25 - Christmas
January 1 - New Year's Day

Special events:

December 12: Pre-K Christmas Program and Wednesday night meal
December 10-14 7 days of service
December 17-21: Christmas spirit week at center
December 20: Santa visits at 3pm and classroom parties
** Please note a special email will be sent out with detailed information on the events listed above.

Classroom News

December Birthdays

Children

12/2 Landon, toddlers
12/9 Wyatt, toddlers
12/14 Isaac, toddlers
12/20 Lauren, toddlers
12/26 Irie, Pre-K 4s
12/27 Weston, toddlers
12/29 Brayden, Pre-K 3s
12/31 Malakai, 2s

Staff

12/6 Miss Shalamiyah
12/15 Miss Erica

Sunshines

December is going to be lots of fun in the Sunshines room! We will continue to work on social/emotional skills, get plenty of exercise, and support our expansion of language skills all with a holiday flare!

Our theme this month is "Every Christmas Carol Tells a Story", so naturally we will learn several carols along with the following:

Week 1: "Deck the Halls" – We will be busy sharpening our fine motor skills making lots of decoration, counting ornaments, and learning finger plays.

Week 2: "O Christmas Tree" – We will focus on the Christmas tree for colors, shapes, etc.

Week 3: "The Little Drummer Boy" – We will work on our gifts for family and talk about rhythm and beats.

Week 4: "Away in the Manger" – We focus on the meaning of Christmas, on Jesus' birthday and have our Christmas Party.

The Sunshines wish you and your family a blessed holiday season.

Miss Erica
Miss Alison

Baby Bunnies

We welcome baby Bingham to the Baby Bunnies. Our other Bunnies are changing every day. Lane has captured the hearts of everyone who meets him. You can usually find him sleeping or getting his cuddles in. Gentry, Jack, and Karson love their food, always making sure they open their mouths up like little birds. Grayson sits up like a pro and is working on figuring out food. Esadora, with help from the teachers, sits up and has also started eating cereal. Last, we have Maxwell who is our oldest and crawls everywhere.

Miss Veronica
Miss Loretta
Miss Jo Jo

Busy Bees

Winter is here! The Bees are ready for the cold. Our class theme is hibernation. The Busy Bees will be learning about hibernating animals, Santa Claus, Christmas, snow, and more. The color red will be a focal point. As we head towards Christmas, our nursery rhyme will be "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

Our themes this month:

1. Hibernating animals
2. Santa Claus
3. Christmas
4. Snow flakes
5. Build a snowman

Also, the Busy Bees would like to say goodbye to Weston as he makes the transition to the Sunshines room and say hello to Farrah as she joins Busy Bees.

Happy Birthday to Miss Miyah, Landon, Lauren, Wyatt, and Isaac!

Miss Tondrie
Miss Miyah

Shooting Stars

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

The Stars are very excited about this magical month. Our themes are:

Dec. 3-7: Arctic Animals
Dec. 10-14: Christmas
Dec. 17-21: Christmas
Dec. 26-28: Preschool fun

Our Christmas Program is December 12. Please be on the lookout for more information about that evening.

Christmas Party day in our class is December 21. We will be doing a \$5-\$10 book exchange. Please have your book wrapped and labeled saying:

To: A Friend
From: (your child's name)

A signup sheet will be on the door to the classroom.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Miss Amanda
Miss Tami



Rainbows

Do you hear what I hear? We hear preschoolers excited for Christmas! This month's theme will be Christmas. Throughout the month our lessons will take us through the Nativity story. Beginning with Mary being visited by an angel and following the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Red will be our focus color and we will learn all about the square shape. Ms. J, Mr. K, and Mr. L will make their debuts this month from letter people land.

Dec. 3-7: Christmas, Letter J
Dec. 10-14: Christmas, Letter K
Dec. 17-21: Christmas, Letter L
Dec. 26-28: Christmas, no letter
Dec. 31-Jan. 4: New Years

Mark your calendars! On December 12 at 6:15pm will be the Christmas program. Please have your child in our classroom by 6pm. December 20 will be our classroom party. It will begin at 3pm. Santa will be here. A signup sheet will be posted. We will be having a book exchange. Please keep the cost around \$7. Please bring the book in wrapped and labeled:

To: A Friend
From: (your child's name)

Please have your book in the classroom before December 17. Have a Merry and Joyous Christmas!

Miss Rachel
Miss Kayla

Central Baptist Church Worship Hours

Downtown Springfield:

- 9:15 to 10:15 AM - Sunday School
- 10:15 to 10:45 AM - Fellowship Time
- 10:45 AM – Worship

New Berlin:

- 9:30 AM - Worship
- 10:30 AM - Sunday School

Wednesday Night Dinners

Central Baptist Church volunteers prepare a meal the first and third Wednesday nights of each month during the regular school year as an opportunity to share with each other around the dinner table.

Children's House families are invited to join as well. Dinner is served cafeteria style from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Carryout meals are also available. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

[Meals in December will only be on December 12, the night of Children's House Christmas Program.](#)

If you plan to order, please let the church office know by noon on Tuesday by contacting the church office (523-3639 or office@CBCchurchfamily.org)



Couples Article

Do you ever feel so pressured to give your family the “perfect” holiday that you become impatient with your spouse and children? Kristen Manieri reminds us that connection, togetherness, gratitude, and giving are more important than having the most decorated house on the block or a ton of spectacularly wrapped presents under the superbly decorated tree. Ms. Manieri encourages us to allow good enough to be the new perfect. In her blog, “How to Stay Connected as a Couple Through the Holidays,” she suggests creating contentment through carving out white space where nothing is scheduled, tuning into moments of turning toward one another, slowing down, and taking responsibility to be available in day-to-day life. For additional tips and to read the entire article, [click here](#).

Parenting Article

Focus on the Family has a free download of an Advent calendar “Knowing Him by Name” to help you and your children draw closer to Jesus this Advent season. This free download includes 23 days of scripture readings and devotions and optional faith activities for you to do with your children, including making an Advent wreath, bookmarks, Christmas ornaments, and ideas of ways to serve family, friends, and neighbors. Advent starts December 2. To get your free download, [click here](#).

Blessings,
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