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Director's Corner

As we turn our attention to Christmas, Children's House will be celebrating the birth of Jesus. Together, we will read and share the Christmas story. Beginning with the angel visiting and then the trip to Bethlehem, we will follow Joseph and Mary to the manger. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus and discover the visits from the shepherds and the wise men. Preschoolers will be attending two very special chapels focusing on the birth of Jesus.

During the week of the 18th Children's House will celebrate the spirit of the season with 7 days of service. This week of kindness and goodwill will be filled with themed days that allow us to give back and serve our community and others. We will also celebrate Christmas with a spirit week (12th-16th) and end the week with classroom parties, and yes Santa is coming!!.

For over 30 years Children's House has spread Christmas joy and the God news about Jesus with a Christmas program. With the pandemic the program has been on hold for the past two years. We are very excited to welcome back this joyous event and spread Christmas cheer through music. The program will be held December 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The twos, Pre-K threes and Pre-K fours will provide the entertainment.

May you have a very blessed Christmas season!

Judy Vlach, Director

Information Station

Act of kindness Week Dec. 19 - 22

Spirit week- Dec 12 -16

Classroom parties- Dec. 16

Great Gingerbread Man Hunt Dec. 13

Children's House Christmas Program
Dec. 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Children's House will be closed for the
Christmas Holiday on
Friday, December 23 & Monday,
December 26
and
closed for the New Year's Holiday on
Monday, January 2nd.

Classroom News

December Birthdays

Students

12/4 Drew, Sunshines
12/5 Beckham, Sunshines
12/19 Sam, Shooting Stars
12/28 Everett, Shooting Stars
12/29 Finn, Baby Bunnies



Baby Bunnies

In November, we learned about turkeys and giving thanks. Gavin loved the "Feed the Turkey" activity. Kellen learned to use his spoon just in time for Thanksgiving dinner. Finn made turkey sounds and Iris stood up to explore the toy shelf. June rolled around to help her explore while Maeve talks to her fellow Baby Bunnies. Amelia would like to join in with her friends playing. Cash made his transition to the toddler room so we wish him Good Luck! We welcomed Maylee to the Baby Bunny room.

In December, we will learn about Christmas and we can't wait to do all the Christmas artwork and activities.

Merry Christmas!

Ms. Loretta
Ms. JoJo
Ms. Laura

Busy Bees



We are looking forward to turning our room into a learning-filled Christmas workshop; a busy, buzzing room! Our theme for December will be a Homemade Holiday, where we will focus our regular curriculum through the experience of creating beauty for this season. Also, we will center our socialization skills around "giving" and "sharing".

Week 1: Gifts and Giving
Week 2: Decorating the Tree
Week 3: Hang up the Stockings
Week 4: The Holidays are here!

We will make printed wrapping paper, experience the smells of peppermint, cinnamon, and pine, make keepsakes, learn new songs to dance and sing with, and decorate our room to a ridiculous degree!

Ms. Helen
Ms. Rae



Classroom News

Sunshines

Dear Families,

Jingle Bells! We are so excited for the Christmas season! The theme this month remains Christmas throughout. We will have fun with Santa and his reindeer, but will also focus strongly on the Greatest Gift from God, Jesus, and the beautiful story of his birth. We will enjoy songs and books about Christmas, so if you have any special books to share, please send them in!

We will be utilizing the playground, as well as taking downtown walks, weather permitting about 25 degrees "real feel", so please send hats and mittens!

Merry Christmas!

Ms. Wendy
Ms. Cassandra

Shooting Stars

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The Shooting Stars are anxious to kick off the Holiday Season by exploring the following themes:

Nov. 28-Dec. 2: Kindness/Giving

Dec. 5-9: Christmas/Nativity

Dec. 12-16: Holidays around the world

Dec. 19-22: Grinchmas /Welcome Winter

Dec. 27-30: New Year/Welcome Winter

Our monthly color is none other than Red, just like the nose of our favorite reindeer. We will be having a book exchange during our Christmas party this year, so be sure to read any door notes and emails. Details are in the works! Please choose a gender-neutral book in the \$10 and under price range.

Our warmest holiday wishes,

Ms. Rebecca
Ms. Kathy

Rainbows

Do you hear what we hear? We hear preschoolers excited for Christmas, which is this month's theme!

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 focused color and we will learn all about the square shape. Ms. J, Mr. K, and Mr. L will make their debuts this month from the land of Letter People.

Dec. 5 - 9: Christmas (journey to Bethlehem)/ Letter J

Dec 12- 16: Christmas (Jesus is born)/Letter K

Dec. 19-23: Christmas (they came to visit)/Letter L

Dec. 26-30: New Year's

December 16 will be our classroom Christmas party. We will have a book exchange. Please keep the cost to around \$7 and bring the book wrapped and labeled, "To: A Friend, From: (your child's name)". Please bring your child's wrapped book to the classroom by December 14.

Have a Merry and Joyous Christmas!

Ms. Erica



COME MEET OUR NEW PASTOR!!

Pastor Tony Stang is our new lead pastor and we would love for you to visit and get to know him! Our worship times are 10:45 a.m. at Springfield with a variety of Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Youth and Children Sunday school also meet at 9:15 a.m.

If you are looking for a church home, we are an American Baptist denomination and welcome everyone who wishes to join with us. You may find out more about American Baptists [here](#) or you may wish to visit us at: www.cbchurchfamily.org



7 Best Parenting Blogs for Quick Tips, Help & Ideas

We all need a little help occasionally. This SolBe Learning article offers the site's opinion of the best places to find help quickly. Some of these blogs are:

1. Faust Island. In this blog, Amber Faust, a mother of three, discusses topics from gentle parenting to nutrition.
2. Modern Day Moguls Mommy Blog. This blog dives into current lifestyles and trends of children and adults alike.
3. Pregnant Chicken: A Blog for New Mothers. It is one of the top resources for mothers and mothers-to-be.
4. Scary Mommy: Helping Children Deal With Their Feelings. This blog offers insight into a child's feelings as well as other topics.

To read more about these blogs, as well as a few more, click [here](#).

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Connected Pairs continued....

12 Ways Social Media Affects Relationships, from Research and Experts

In this article, Abby Moore presents both the negative and positive aspects of how social media affects relationships. Two of the positive ways are as follows:

1. Social media can help keep you connected to your partner. This is especially true in long distance romances.
2. You can learn about relationships from experts. There is a lot of information on relationships from bloggers, psychologists, and other experts.

Two of the ways it negatively affects relationships are:

1. Social media can cause unrealistic expectations in relationships. Most posts are made to make a couple look in the best light and overlook the problems.
2. It can cause jealousy in partners. One person could see a picture of the other one with someone else and that might lead to some concern about possible cheating.

To read more negative and positive aspects of social media, click [here](#).

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