



December 2016 Newsletter

Blessing: "Smile on us each time we give, for that is how you would have us live. Amen

Parents, cold weather is here. Please remember to replace summer clothing with winter clothing in your child's extra clothes bag. Your child needs mittens/ gloves and headgear in order to play comfortably out of doors. As with all the children's things please label openly and clearly. Please let your child's teacher know if they are on any medication, if they have seen a doctor and the reason for a runny nose, i.e. a cold, allergies, etc. **Also, please call the office to let your child's teacher know if they will be absent.** We keep the doors locked once all children are here. We need to keep our children safe. Communication is the key!

Please don't forget to have your children use the bathroom before coming to school or you may take them as soon as they get here. It is causing a delay for the teachers to begin their class time.

Please remember to drop your tuition of in the box on the first of the month.

Christmas programs are different this year each class is doing their own (we have gotten bigger).

Vicky's MW class is Monday morning Dec 19 at 9:00-10:00 in the large preschool room

Vicky's TTH class is Tuesday morning Dec 20 at 9:00-10:00 in the large preschool room

Mary's class will be Tuesday Dec 20 at 10:30-11:30 in the large preschool room

Amy's, Treena's and Sue's classes will be Monday Dec 19 at 10:30-11:30 in the church as a combined play about the Christmas story.

You are welcome to invite your family and friends to come watch our program. Please plan on carpooling.

Thank you to all of the Families that came out and contributed to support our Annual Apple Festival on October 22. We raised \$3,000.00 to be split between the church and the preschool. Plan to attend next year.

I just want to remind you not to leave anything of value in your cars (Children, Purses etc...)

Just a reminder when you order books from the Scholastic Book Club we receive free books from the company for our classrooms. The site to order is www.Scholasticbooks.com our online code is LXD4C. If your child already has too many books feel free to order for the school. See Jennie for details.

December Color: "is red"-The 3's will have color days on Thursdays. The 4's and Pre-K will have color days on Fridays. We encourage the children to look for our monthly color on a daily basis. You may want to use shoelaces, jewelry and clothing to help your child participate. All classes are working with the colors red, orange and brown. The shape of the month is the Star.

December Theme: "Surprises and Celebrations"-Our objective is to help the children experience Christmas traditions of many cultures. If you have a tradition you'd like to share with the children, please contact your

child's teacher. We hope to foster growth in the areas of sharing, kindness, expressing feelings, modeling love, thankfulness and making choices. Compassion is our value for this month. Compassion is the feeling of empathy for others. Compassion is the emotion that we feel in response to the suffering of others that motivates a desire to help. (Wikipedia) With this we will be collecting for different organizations throughout the month to help people in need.

We are looking for some families to help us by raking our playground. Around the swings and the slide are in need of redistributing the mulch. If you are interested please see Jennie for details.

Please remember when entering the parking lot to drive slowly, there are children always around!!!!

Registration:

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be available soon. We want to give first preference to those children currently enrolled in our program and to the siblings of our alumni.

Registration forms and the fee need to be in the office on or before December 16, 2016 to secure the class you want. Don't wait! After that date the class will be open to the public.

This year the 5 day Pre-k will be filled first with children that will be turning 5 after September 1, 2017. All others will be placed on a waiting list in order of receiving their registration form and fee.

The 3 day Pre-K mixed 3 and 4's will also be filled first with 4 year olds then filled in with the older 3's.

If there are any children who are preschool age that you know please share our registration form with them or have them call the office.
(410-795-2287)

We will need your contract, first installment tuition fee and activity fee for next year **before August 1, 2017** of this school year. Your paper work also needs to be **returned before August 1, 2017**. We look forward to seeing many of our students and siblings again next year. We will have a parent's night in September. Thank you for your

continued support of our learning center.

A standing invitation from Holy Spirit Lutheran Church:

If you do not have a church family, we would like to invite you to attend our Sunday services and/or Sunday school.

Pastor Robin is asking for donations of plastic grocery bags. She and some of the members of the church are crocheting them into mats for the homeless in Baltimore.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas Eve Worship on December 24 are a Family Service at 5:00 and a Candlelight Service at 7:30.

"Success is not built on what we accomplish for ourselves. Its foundation lies in what we do for others." Danny Thomas