



December 2017 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 off 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 Wednesday morning Dec 20 at 9:00-10:00 in the 3's preschool room

Vicky's TTH class is Thursday morning Dec 21 at 9:00-10:00 in the 3's preschool room

Mary's class will be Wednesday Dec 20 at 10:30-11:30 in the 3's preschool room

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Amy's, Treena's and Kathleen's classes will be Wednesday Dec 20 at 11:30-12:30 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.

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 a contractor to help us by replacing the swings on our playground. 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 2018-2019 school year is available the week of Nov 27. We want to give first preference to those children currently enrolled in our program, church members and to the siblings of our alumni.

Registration forms and the fee need to be in the office on or ASAP to secure the class you want. Don't

wait! After the 11th of December the class will be open to the public.

This year the 2 year olds have to be 2 by September 1 to be enrolled.

This year the 5 day Pre-k will be filled first with children that will be turning 5 after September 1, 2018. 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 (which is for September) and activity fee for next year **before August 1, 2018** of this school year. Your paper work also needs to be **returned by August 1, 2018**. We look forward to seeing many of our students and siblings again next year. We will have a open house in late August or early 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.

Dec. 3, 2017

Advent 1 – Blue Christmas/Healing Sunday
At both services, 8:30 and 10:45, we will have a special emphasis on Blue Christmas, a time we lift up the Longest Day.

Dec. 17, 2017

Advent 3 - Sunday school Christmas Pageant

At both services, 8:30 and 10:45, we will learn the REAL meaning of Christmas through our children and youth during the sermon time. Come at 9:30 am for a Christmas celebration and snacks provided by the Spirited Seniors.

Dec. 24, 2017 – 9:30 am

Advent 4 with a baptism and Holy Communion

Christmas Eve Services

5 pm Family Service – Come and here the Christmas Story.

Christmas carols and a special child-friendly message from Pastor Robin

7:30 pm Candlelight Service – Come and hear the Senior choir during this beautiful candle-lit service.

Dec. 31 – 9:30 am- One combined service of Lessons and Carols

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