

Preschool News

Happy New Year 2011
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January 2012

OPEN HOUSE The preschool will hold an informational Open House 6:30-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2012 (**inclement weather re-schedule date February 28, 2012**) at the school. The Open House is available for any new families who are interested in a preschool program for the 2012-2013 school year. This Open House will be a drop-in basis. Information and registration forms for the 2012-2013 school year will be available. Christ United Methodist Preschool staff will be on site to answer any questions. Visitors may take a self-guided tour of the facility including classrooms, body management room and the optional "Godly Play" Program. For more information, call (937) 293-1617 or visit our website @ christumc.org.

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 5 & 6 Newsletters and tuition envelopes go home
10 BEST Club 7:00 p.m. in Room 274
11&12 Spirit Day (wear your spirit shirt)
13 Speech/Hearing forms due
16 **Martin Luther King Day**
Preschool & Child Care Closed
25 Sixth tuition due
24&25 Winter Wonderland (4's)
26&27 June in January (3's)
27 Olympics Pre-K
31 Preschool (New Families) Open House

Themes

3's & 4's	5's
Welcome Winter	Olympics
June in January 3's	Nursery Rhymes
Winter Wonderland 4's	

Word of the Month:

HONOR~~To give special attention

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

This month the preschool children will share experiences and participate in activities that relate to winter. On January 24 and 25 the four year old classes will engage in a dramatically set "Winter Wonderland". January 26 and 27 the three year classes will use their imaginations to think warm thoughts during their "June in January". On January 27 the pre-k will participate in a theme based Winter Olympics. **Watch for more information to be sent home later this month.**

The key word of the month that will be introduced during spirit day is "Honor" To give special attention. One of the Bible Verses used will be Matthew 13:44-46. "Choose what is most valuable"

2012-2013 REGISTRATION

Children with a registration form on file for the next school year should have received a mailing concerning the registration process. Students currently enrolled in 3's classes received registration information in the November newsletter. If anyone has been missed, please contact the office. Families interested in five year old classes for 2012-2013 may register in March. We will consider a M-F am Pre-K session if enrollment request will fill a classroom. Our acceptance of your registration fee assures you of a place in the preschool for next year. **REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.** The only exception will be children who register for a 5's class, but notify the office before July 2, 2012 of a decision to go to kindergarten. Children presently enrolled will be given the opportunity to register before new students. We regret that we are unable to give everyone their first session choice. If you have questions regarding sessions for the fall, please contact the office.

Registration forms and fees (\$50.00) for children new to the school can be brought or mailed to Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Rd., Kettering, OH 45429 beginning January 3, 2012. Following students who have already registered, session preference is given to new children whose forms are received before January 30. The registration date on the form determines the priority for session. After January 30, the session assignment will be prioritized by the date the registration fee and form are received.



WEATHER CLOSINGS

REMINDER: As the time for winter weather approaches, please be aware of the possibility of closing the childcare and/or the preschool. We will not be phoning each family in preschool if we find the weather warrants closing. **PLEASE LISTEN TO WHIO RADIO (1290) OR WATCH WHIO TV (CHANNEL 7) or WDTN CHANNEL 2 WHEN THE WEATHER IS QUESTIONABLE.** In the past there have been a few occasions when preschool was closed but childcare remained open--this will be noted on the listing. **You may also contact several web sites: wdtm.com, whiotv.com, k99online.com or 1290whio.com.** Because our families travel from various areas, even if the programs are open, we ask that you use your discretion in traveling if street conditions in your neighborhood seem questionable. When preschool closes due to weather, but childcare remains open, and a childcare reservation is not needed, we appreciate your call to cancel reservations for childcare that morning.

SPEECH/HEARING SCREENING

Denise Moberg, a licensed speech pathologist will offer preschool articulation, language, and hearing screenings beginning January 19. The purpose of the screening is to help in the early identification of children who may need further diagnostic evaluation to determine current levels of performance. If you are interested in having your child screened please fill out the form and return it to the preschool office by January 13th.

VISION SCREENING

In February, registered nurses from the Church Health Ministry team will conduct screening as trained volunteers from Prevent Blindness Ohio. This vision screening is made available to the preschool families at no charge. If you are interested in having your child screened please fill out the form and return it to the preschool office by January 27th.

OUR THANKS

We extend a thank you to those who helped make December a special time. Fred Chatfield, church music director, shared music and the Christmas story, Jarrod Johnson delighted the children as the voice of the *Talking Tree*. **Thank you** also to Stacey Sheets, Shannon Trick, Tricia Toussaint, Tara Goffe, Angie Sahlbom and Beth Fleischauer for assisting the *Talking Tree* on party day.

We would like to thank Shannon Trick, Ann Lundgren and all of the parents and volunteers who made the *Teacher Appreciation Luncheon* so delightful. You truly made the staff feel appreciated.

B.E.S.T. CLUB

The B.E.S.T. Club will sponsor the Family Gatherings as their annual fund raiser. Mr. and Mrs. Rick Feltner, parents in our program will once again prepare the spaghetti dinners. It takes many helping hands to make this a successful event. Anyone wishing to help with this year's Family Gathering is asked to attend the **"kickoff" meeting January 10 @ 7:15 p.m. in room 274.**

Baskets, Buckets...Containers OH MY! As the holiday season ends, be on the look out for any unwanted baskets, buckets or large plastic containers. We are starting to collect these for the Family Gatherings in April. If you were so lucky as to received a fruit basket from your boss, and do not want your basket. Please bring it in to the preschool office. Thanks!!!

KINDERGARTEN READINESS PANEL

Kindergarten is a milestone year. All parents want their child to be a successful kindergartner, but may not know how the schools and teachers view readiness. The Kettering City Schools Kindergarten Summit is arranging a panel of Kettering area educators to share their expertise on school readiness issues. A school psychologist, along with kindergarten teachers, will discuss their views and answer questions. This has been very informative in the past, so we hope many of you can take advantage of this opportunity. Look for more information to be sent home later this month.

DOROTHY LANE MARKET

Those who shop at Dorothy Lane Market and use the store card may participate in their program to give monies back to the community. Each January customers may register to have donations based on their purchase amount given to the charity of their choice. Christ Methodist Preschool (listed on the sign-up sheet as Christ Methodist Preschool School #119) is one of the organizations that may receive donations. To enroll complete the form available in the preschool office or Dorothy Lane Market and return it to Dorothy Lane Market.

