

January 2018 Newsletter

"and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature." Luke 2:52

In January we will finish our unit on God and My Family and move into learning about God and My Neighborhood. During January we will explore all things winter. We will also learn about neighborhoods and the people and helpers who make up a neighborhood. Our Bible stories will cover the childhood of Jesus, His neighborhood and the many ways He was a helper during his time on Earth.

The staff and I wish to thank all the families for the generous gifts and goodies. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas! We wish all our preschool families a healthy and happy new year! May God bless all of you!

-Susan Benzing, Kim Brathwaite, Heather Gallagher, Julie Nienhuis, Stefanie Rosti, Jen Scheid, Kathleen Smith & Barbara Stine



Preschool Sunday at CMPC!

We are so excited to have
Preschool Sunday at Christ
Memorial Presbyterian Church on
Sunday, January 7th at 10:30 am.
Please be sure to let Mrs.
Gallagher know if you plan to
attend by sending in your RSVP
form.





Calling All Community Helpers

We would like to invite all parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles who have a passion for their career in our neighborhood to share with our children. During the last two weeks in January our children will be learning about Community Helpers. If you would be interested in visiting your child's classroom to share about your job please make arrangements with your child's teacher.



2018/19 Christ Memorial Christian Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2018/19 school year will begin on Thursday, February 1st at 9 am for our returning preschool families. All remaining spaces will be available to the public beginning onWednesday, February 7th at 8:30 am. To complete

registration you will need to fill out a current Registration Application and pay the non-refundable registration fee; \$100 for returning families and \$125 for new families. Registration will run until 12 noon each day. Financial Assistance is Available. If you have any questions please ask Mrs. Gallagher.



<u>Winter Reminders:</u>

<u>Winter Clothing -</u> Attach all gloves and mittens to coats either with a string or clips. Also, please check your child's change of clothing bag - do they still fit and are they weather appropriate?

<u>Outside Play</u> - Unless it is wet/raining and/or below freezing we will go outside to play. Please make sure your children come prepared with mittens, hats, boots, etc.

Inclement Weather Policy - If Howard County Public Schools are closed due to weather, we are also closed. If Howard County Public Schools are delayed either 1 or 2 hours we will open at 10:30 am and close at 12:30 pm. You will not receive direct notification from our school when there is a change to our schedule due to inclement weather. Please check the news outlets or Howard County Public Schools website to find out about closings and delays.



There are two field trips to take place in January. Please be watching for permission slips to come home very soon!

<u>Sometime in Late January</u> The 3 & 5 Day Classes will be going to ta Public Library. Unfortunately, we do not have the date set yet for this trip. We will let you know as soon as possible!

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>January 25th</u> - The 2 Day Classes will be visiting Rivers Park Fire Station. As this is your first field trip please note that all parents that plan to attend must provide Mrs. Gallagher with a copy of their driver's license and proof of insurance. This is necessary even if you are only driving your own child.

Craft Supplies Needed:

During our unit on Neighborhoods the children will be making a giant map inside their classroom. Each child will have the opportunity to make their own house on a small box to add to the map. For this to be successful we need small empty Jello size or soap boxes by January 17th for every child. If you could donate this item to the school it would be greatly appreciated!



Show & Tell

January 4th & 5th - A Picture of a Snowflake

January 11th & 12th - A Winter Animal

January 18th & 19th - A Pair of Matching Mittens or Gloves

January 15th & 26th - A Tool a Community Helper Would Use

Basic Concepts for January

2 Day Classes:

Numbers - 11 & 12
Colors - Blue, Gray, & White
Shape - Oval
Skills - Sorting & Patterns

3 & 5 Day Classes:

Numbers - 17, 18, 19, & 20
Colors - Blue, Gray & White
Shape - Hexagon
Letters - L, U, V, & W
Skills - Learning Address & Zippering