



# Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

## January 2020 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. We will end the month learning about different cultures through music and creating our own instruments.

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 & Rita Wheelock



We are looking forward to holding  
our first ever **Open House** at

Christ Memorial Christian  
Preschool on **Monday, January  
13th from 6-7:30 pm.** Please  
spread the word in the community  
so new families can have the  
opportunity to experience CMCP!  
**Thank you!**



## 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 weeks of  
January 13th and 20th 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.



**2020/21 Christ Memorial  
Christian Preschool Registration**

Registration for the 2020/21 school year will begin on **Thursday, January 30th at 9 am** for our returning preschool families. All remaining spaces will be available to the public beginning on **Thursday, February 6th 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.

## Preschool Sunday at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church!

Near the end of January or early February we will have our first Preschool Sunday at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church. On this Sunday the children of Christ Memorial Christian Preschool will participate during the Sunday service in a special way. Be looking for details to come out after the Christmas Break.



## Winter Reminders:

**Winter Clothing** - 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?

**Outside Play** - Unless it is wet/raining and/or the feels like temperature is 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.



**As part of our community helpers unit we look forward to learning more about firefighters this month!**

**Friday, January 24th** - The 3 & 5 Day Classes will be visited by the Rivers Park Fire Station at school! The firefighters will bring their trucks for the kids to tour and teach the children about fire safety.

**Thursday, January 23rd** - 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.

### ***Pictures Needed in All Classrooms:***

During our unit on Neighborhoods the children will be discussing their own homes. To help facilitate this discussion we are asking that all children bring in a picture of their home by Friday, January 10th.



## **Grassroots Christmas Donations**

Thank you to all the families that donated to our collection of Christmas gifts for the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Organization. With our items and those that were collected by the church members we were able to make a significant donation to the organization that was greatly appreciated.



## **Show & Tell**

### **3 Year Old Classes:**

- January 9th - Something that is WHITE
- January 16th - No Show N Tell - Winter Indoor Fun Day!
- January 23rd - No Show N Tell - Field Trip Day!
- January 30th - Something that is an OVAL

### **4 Year Old Classes:**

- January 10th - A Picture of a Snowflake
- January 17th - No Show N Tell - Winter Indoor Fun Day!

January 24th - A Tool a Community Helper Would Use  
January 31st - A Flag from Another Country (real or picture)

## 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

## Childcare Needed for a Preschool Family

*One of the families of the preschool has a unique childcare need and is looking for help finding someone. Please see the details below.*

**We are on the search for childcare for our 3 kids (ages 4,1,1) from 1pm-6pm on Tuesday afternoons in our home beginning as early as January 7th. Our ideal person is comfortable managing the needs of multiple children and is able to keep up with their fast (and often in different directions!) pace. We do have two dogs, but they are pretty low key and don't need any additional care aside from the occasional reminder not to lick the children in their faces :)**

**We are located in the Ilchester area of Ellicott City. If you, or anyone you know, think you could be a good fit for our family, please contact Kylie Golden at (815)979-7737 or [Kylie.Bristol@gmail.com](mailto:Kylie.Bristol@gmail.com). Thank you so much and Happy Holidays!**