



Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

January 2023 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!

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Julie Nienhuis, Stefanie Rosti, Jen Scheid, Kathleen
Smith, Barbara Stine & Rita Wheelock*





We will be having PAJAMA DAY in all classes upon our return from Winter Break.

3-YEAR-OLD CLASSES - Tuesday, January 3rd
4-YEAR-OLD CLASSES - Wednesday, January 4th

Progress Reports:

At the end of this month families will be receiving a mid-year progress report for their child from the teachers. The purpose of these reports is for you to understand how your child is progressing with the goals of preschool focusing on the main areas of development; social, emotional, physical, cognitive and language. We will hold parent teacher conferences in early February to review the material

shared in these progress reports
and answer any questions.



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 week of January 23rd 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.

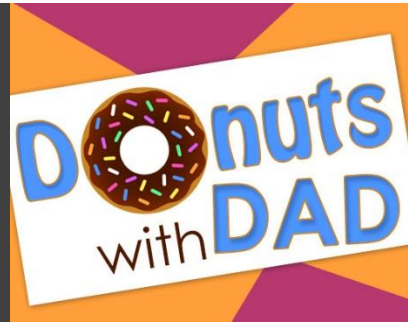


Let's Celebrate All Our Awesome Fathers!

We will be celebrating our Dedicated Dads with a special snack time at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. Please be sure to put the following dates on your calendar to ensure you will be able to join us during the school day. All fathers are expected to join us! Please make every effort to join your preschool child without siblings.

2 Day Classes - Thursday, January 19th at 11:00 am

3&5 Day Classes - Friday, January 20th at 11:00 am



2023/24 Christ Memorial Christian Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2023/24 school year will begin on **Tuesday, January 17th at 8 am** for our returning preschool families. All remaining spaces will be available to the public beginning on **Tuesday, January 24th at 8 am**. When registration opens you will complete a pre-registration form via our website to request a spot for the 2023/24 school year. Mrs. Gallagher will then provide families with the registration application on a first come first serve basis. Once you receive your registration application you will be instructed on how to pay the non-refundable registration fee; \$100 for returning families and \$125 for new families. Please note: Monthly Tuition Rates have been updated on the [preschool website](#) <-- LINK HERE. Financial

Assistance is Available. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Gallagher.



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 winter animals unit this month we will be welcoming a local nature group, Echoes of Nature, to share many of the animals of Winter with us in person as the present their program Journey into Winter.

4 year old Classes - Wednesday, January 11th

3 year old Classes - Thursday, January 13th



Fire Department:

During our study of community helpers next month all classes are going to have the opportunity to meet some of our special Howard County Fire Fighter and EMTs. The fire department will be visiting our 4-year-old classes at the preschool next month for a special tour of the vehicles. Our 3-year-old classes will visit one of our local fire stations for their first fieldtrip of the year. The date for this trip is still being finalized with the fire department. Our target dates are Tuesday, January 24th or Thursday, January 26th. As soon as this is confirmed we will let our classes know so parents can schedule to join us.



Looking for a BUNK BED?

A church member of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking to pass along a bunk bed set to anyone that could benefit. The set has been gently used in their home. The set has 4 drawers, 4 shelves and a ladder. Mattresses are also available with the bed. The set is taken apart and ready to go home via a

small SUV or truck.
If your family is interested, please see Mrs. Gallagher.



Christmas Donations

Thank you to all the families that donated to our collection of Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree Program and The Maryland Food Bank. With our items and those that were collected by the church members we were able to make a signification donation to the organization that was greatly appreciated.

REMINDER:

Drop off for preschool begins at 8:55 am. Teachers are still preparing for their day prior to that time. Please bring your child into the preschool area no earlier than 8:55 am.

Thank you!

Show & Tell

3-Year-Old Classes:

January 5th - Something that is WHITE

January 12th - Something that is an GRAY

January 19th - No Show and Tell

January 26th - Something that is BLUE

4-Year-Old Classes:

January 6th - A Picture of a SNOWFLAKE

January 13th - A WINTER ANIMAL

January 20th - No Show and Tell

January 27th - 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 - Counting by 10s

Colors - Blue, Gray & White

Shape - Hexagon

Letters - K, L, U, &, V

Skills - Learning Your Address & Zippering



