



Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

January 2024 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,
Theresa March, Julie Nienhuis, Vanessa O'Connor,
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 2nd
4-YEAR-OLD CLASSES - Wednesday, January 3rd



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 weeks of January 16th, 22nd and 29th our children will be learning about our Neighborhood and Community Helpers. If you would be interested in visiting your child's classroom to share about your job please make arrangements directly with your child's teacher.





2024/25 Christ Memorial Christian Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2024/25 school year will begin on **Tuesday, January 16th at 8 am** for our returning preschool families. All remaining spaces will be available to the public beginning on **Tuesday, January 23rd at 8 am**. When registration opens you will complete a pre-registration form via our website to request a spot for the 2024/25 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. 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. 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.

3 year old Classes - Tuesday, January 9th

4 year old Classes - Wednesday, January 10th



Fire Department:

During our study of community helpers next month we are excited to have all classes gain the opportunity to meet some of our special Howard County Fire Fighter and EMTs. We are working to have the fire department visit our 4-year-old classes at the preschool next month for a special tour of the vehicles. Our 3-year-old classes will be visiting Savage Fire Station for their first fieldtrip of the year on Thursday, January 25th. [Permission slips](#) are linked here. Please be sure to turn them in by January 11th and provide Mrs. Gallagher with a copy of your current driver's license and auto insurance card to attend with your child.



Christmas Donations

Thank you to all the families that donated to our collection of Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree Program and Columbia Community Cares 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.

Show & Tell

3-Year-Old Classes:

January 4th - Something that is **WHITE**

January 11th - Something that is an **GRAY**

January 18th - Something that is **BLUE**

January 25th - Something that is **BLACK**

4-Year-Old Classes:

January 5th - A Picture of a **SNOWFLAKE**

January 12th - A **WINTER ANIMAL**

January 19th - Something you might see in your **NEIGHBORHOOD**

January 26th - A **TOOL** a Community Helper Would Use



2023 Tax Returns

Many families can deduct the cost of childcare, such as preschool, on their yearly income taxes. If you would like a preschool tuition receipt from Christ Memorial Christian Preschool for your 2023 tax returns please email Mrs. Gallagher.

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