



# Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

## January 2026 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 month will end with us beginning to explore Outer Space in our classrooms.

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, Whitney Schreiber, Kathleen Smith, Barbara Stine, Tina Weiseman & Rita Wheelock*





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

**3-Day Classes & 5-Day Class - Monday, January 5th**

**2-Day Class - Tuesday, January 6th**



### **Progress Reports:**

At the beginning of February 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

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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 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 12th and 19th 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.



### **2026/27 Christ Memorial Christian Preschool Registration**

Registration for the 2026/27 school year will begin on **Tuesday, January 13th at 8 am** for our returning preschool families. All remaining spaces will be available to the public beginning on **Tuesday, January 20th at 8 am**. When registration opens you will complete a pre-registration form via our website to request a spot for the 2026/27 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; \$125 for returning families and \$175 for new families. Please note that monthly tuition rates have changed for the 2026/27 school year and are posted on the preschool website [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. PLEASE, make sure your child's name is on all items; coat, gloves and hats. 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, 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, 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.

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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 8th**

**3-year-old Class - Thursday, January 7th**



### **Fire Department:**

**During our study of community helpers this 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 field trip of the year in January. We are working to finalize the date with the fire station and will send an email update as soon as we can. If you hope to attend this field trip with your child, please provide Mrs. Gallagher with a copy of your current driver's license and auto insurance card to attend with your child.**

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## Christmas Donations

**Thank you to all the families that donated to our collection of Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree Program. With our items and those that were collected by the church members, we were able to make a significant amount of donations to support families in need this holiday season.**



## 2025 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 2025 tax returns, please email Mrs. Gallagher.

## Show & Tell

### 3-Year-Old Classes:

**January 8th - Something that is WHITE**

**January 15th - Something that is an GRAY**

**January 22nd - Something that is BROWN**

**January 29th - Something that is BLACK**



**4-Year-Old Classes:**

**January 9th - A WINTER ANIMAL**

**January 16th - Something you might see in your NEIGHBORHOOD**

**January 23rd - A TOOL a Community Helper Would Use**

**January 30th - Something you might see in OUTER SPACE**

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