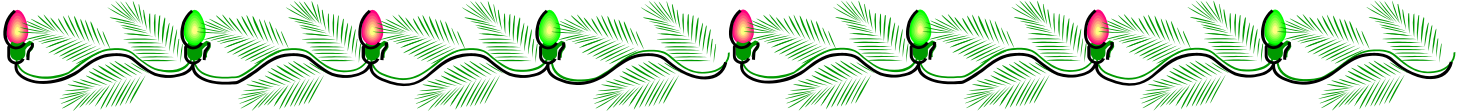


Messiah Lutheran Preschool Newsletter

December 2018



Christmas Program Information

You and your family are invited to your child's 2018 Christmas Program at Messiah Lutheran Preschool! Please join us as we enjoy the children's singing to tell of Christmas. Please note that siblings, parents and extended families are welcome! Children will begin the day at the regularly scheduled time and you should plan to arrive at the time listed below. Please plan to attend and to be on time as it is very difficult for the children to wait. We plan to keep on schedule since we do have many activities planned. Bring your cameras!

TT3 morning classes — 10:30 AM, Thursday 12/20

MWF morning classes — 10:30 AM, Wednesday 12/19

PreK Afternoon Class — 1:45 PM, Thursday 12/20

For your comfort and joy, we will be holding our Christmas performances in the sanctuary of Messiah Lutheran Church. When you arrive for the Christmas program, please go directly to the church sanctuary.

**All programs will be followed by refreshments in the large adult classroom
down the hall from the sanctuary.**

Coming Soon... Sign-up for food items to bring to the program



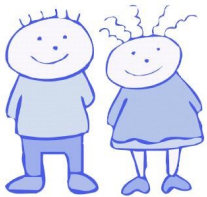
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- M 11/26—F 11/30 Messiah Lutheran Resource Center at Preschool Entrance
Tu 12/04 Scholastic Book Orders are due online
W 12/19 Christmas Program for MWF morning classes (10:30 AM)
Th 12/20 Christmas Program for TT 3 morning classes (10:30 AM)
Th 12/20 Christmas Program for afternoon classes (1:45 PM)
F 12/21—Tu 1/1 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY — NO SCHOOL

Looking ahead...January and February

- W 1/2 MWF and afternoon classes resume
Th 1/3 TT3 classes resume
Tu 1/14 NO SCHOOL — Professional Day
M 1/21 NO SCHOOL — Martin Luther King Day
Sa 1/26 Open House for Prospective Families
Th 1/24 NO SCHOOL — Parent-Teacher Conferences
F 1/25 NO SCHOOL — Parent-Teacher Conferences
**Tu 1/29 Early Registration for 2019-20 school year for currently and
previously enrolled families**
Tu 2/5 Registration for 2019-20 school year for General Public



Just around the corner....registration for the 2019-20 school year!
Returning families will be able to register beginning Tuesday, January 29, 2019.
Registration for the General Public will begin on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

MLPS does have one opening for the remainder of this school year. If you know of a family that is looking for a Christian preschool for their child, please refer them to the MLPS website (www.messiahlutherangermantown.org/preschool) or have them phone the preschool office at 301 972-5428 for information.

Additionally, Messiah Lutheran Preschool is planning an Open House Event in January to help prospective families get to know our program and explore enrollment opportunities at MLPS.

If you know of interested families, please let them know about this Open House:

Saturday, January 26 10 AM — 2 PM

December Fruit of the Spirit is *Patience*

December Character Trait is *Generosity*

December Bible Verse is

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.



John 3:16

Scholastic Book Orders for December are due online on Tuesday, December 4th. SIGN UP at <https://clubs.scholastic.com>. On the parent page, register by clicking the “Don’t have a user name or password?” link. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code: H8FYT. This unique code ensures that your order is sent to the preschool.



Messiah Lutheran Resource Center will be visiting the preschool entrance area from Monday 11/26 through Friday 11/30. Christian books and gifts for all ages are available for purchase or order. Fair Trade items from SERRV (a partner of Lutheran World Relief) are in stock as well.

Family Connections

Advent Resources:

**Advent Services at Messiah — 7:30 PM Wednesdays 12/5, 12/12, 12/19
Dinner at 6:15 and Christmas Carols at 7:15**



Christ-centered Activities for Preschoolers — <http://talesofbeautyforashes.com/2015/11/christ-centered-advent-for-preschoolers/>

Celebrating Advent and Christmas — <http://www.spirithome.com/advent.html>

10 Advent Activities for Toddlers and Preschoolers — <http://www.growinghandsonkids.com/advent-activities-toddlers-preschoolers.html>

Christmas Resources:

Christian Christmas Coloring Pages — <http://www.raisingourkids.com/coloring-pages/holiday/christmas/pages/christian.html>

More Christian Christmas Coloring Pages — http://www.first-school.ws/theme/cp_christmas/bible.htm

Behavior:

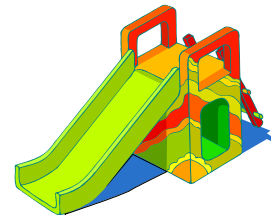
6 Ways to Raise a Generous Child — <https://tinyurl.com/childrenandgenerosity>

Becoming Generous — <https://tinyurl.com/becominggenerous>

5 Ways to Teach Preschool Patience — <http://www.education.com/magazine/article/teaching-patience-preschool/>

Practicing Patience for All Ages of Children — <https://tinyurl.com/practicepatience>

TT3 AM classes are scheduled to bring in snack items for December. Items that are especially needed are Cheez-its, goldfish, graham crackers, Rice Chex, Cinnamon Toast Crunch and pretzels. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Please dress your child for the weather. This includes mittens or gloves and hats! We go outdoors unless it is raining or snowing or bitterly cold.

- ◆ Our required semiannual Emergency Preparedness Evacuation Drills will be held in early December. We will walk to one of our designated emergency evacuation sites with our Emergency Chest and “Ready-To-Go” bags in tow.
- ◆ Please be sure that your child’s bag has a change of clothing that is appropriate for the current weather in case of messy art projects or an encounter with an unexpected puddle or other accidents.
- ◆ Tuition is due the 1st of every month. Payments made after the 5th of the month are considered late and subject to a \$20 late fee.
- ◆ We follow the Montgomery County Public School’s (MCPS) closing policy for inclement weather. If MCPS is closed due to the weather, we are closed. If MCPS has a two hour delayed start due to the weather, there will be a one hour delay to our morning classes and our afternoon classes will meet as scheduled.
- ◆ A special **THANK YOU** to all of our parents and extended families and friends for your continued support of our students and staff. Your time, talents and prayers are especially appreciated during this Christmas season. An additional THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Germantown HELP food bank during November.

*We wish you a blessed and peaceful Advent Season
as you prepare to celebrate Our Savior’s birth.*

Merry Christmas!

Messiah Lutheran Preschool Staff



O come, O come, Emmanuel