

**December 2011 Newsletter**  
**Mrs. Wynkoop**

December has sure snuck up on us! Our Thanksgiving Feast was a big success. The kids had a great time! Thanks again for all the donations & to our helpers. We couldn't have done it without you! The family turkeys look wonderful hanging in our classroom. The kids loved sharing all their family art work. December is going to be a short and busy month. The children will get to enjoy a story read by the Church Pastor this month. We are gearing up for our Christmas program which will be held on **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> promptly at 11 am class & 2 pm class**. I would also like to give a warm welcome to Mrs. Diehl who is new to our class this year. The children and she are adjusting well to one another!! She will be working with us in our classroom since Mrs. Lee is needed in the other class.

**Our December Focus:**

\*Letters: C, L

\*Number: 3

\*Color: Green Show and Tell is **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** - please wear something Green and bring in a green item to share with our friends.

\*Shape: Star

\*Moral Focus: Joy: **“Come let us sing for joy to the Lord....Psalm 95:1”**

\*Word Wall Words: his, green, of

\* We will also discuss the Fruit group, the joy of giving and receiving, sequencing & Jesus' birthday. We will enjoy making a class gingerbread house too!

**Dates to remember:**

\* **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Green Show and Tell**

\* **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Program 11am class & 2pm class..... All children come to school at their regular time so we can practice for our program!**

\*\*Families arrive at least 10 minutes early to ensure that you do not miss anything!

Children will be released to parents immediately following the program. The program will last approximately ½ hour.

\*\*\*\***We are asking that each child bring in 1 dozen home baked cookies/treats on the morning of the program. After our program, we will have refreshments in the parlor.**

Please remember to practice letting your child put on his/her own coat. This helps them be more independent while learning at the same time. Also, have your child practice writing/tracing their first name every day!!

Mrs. Diehl and I would like to wish all of your families a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2012!! **Our holiday break is Dec 21-Jan 2, 2012.**

Happy Holidays,  
Mrs. Wynkoop

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December Lesson Plans**

Date: Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Circle Time: Program Practice/ Intro to “Star” Shape/ Intro Letter “L”

Book: Stars by Jennifer S. Burke

Activity: Star worksheet/ Letter L worksheet/ Thumbprint Lights around Tree with Star on top

Learning Outcome: Children will learn to recognize and identify the letter L and the shape of a Star

Content Standard: Math

Organizer: Characteristics and Properties

Indicator: Identify, name, create and describe common two-dimensional shapes in the environment and play situations.

Date: Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Circle Time: Into to letter “C”/ Talking about our Christian Value “JOY”/ Program Practice

Book: Joy To The World, The Story of Christmas by Dina Anastasio

Activity: Letter C worksheet/ Christmas cards for our Church members

Learning Outcome: Children will learn the Christian Value of Joy and the Story of Christmas

Content Standard: English Language Arts

Organizer: Reading Applications

Indicator: Use pictures and Illustrations to help aid comprehension on topic

Date: Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Circle Time: Hiding the Gingerbread Man/ Program Practice

Book: The Christmas Story by Josse Goffin

Activity: Making a class Gingerbread House (Science Experiment)

Learning Outcome: Children will learn how to follow simple directions and turn taking

Content Standard: Science

Organizer: Science and Society

Indicator: Participate in simple, spontaneous scientific explorations with others

Date: Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Circle Time: Children will be read a story from the Church Pastor 11 & 2/ Program Practice/ Jesus’ birthday

Book: Nighty Night, Baby Jesus by Molly Schaar Idle

Activity: Celebrating Jesus’ birthday/ Parent gifts and gift wrapping

Learning Outcome: Children will learn that it is better to give than to receive and why we celebrate Jesus’ birthday

Content Standard: English Language Arts

Organizer: Listening and Viewing

Indicator: Attend to speakers, stories, songs and poems

Date: Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Circle Time: Intro Number 3/ Classroom “Snowball Fun”/ Program Practice/ Star of the Week

Book: My Three Book by Jane Belk Moncure

Activity: Number 3 worksheet/ Snowman Art

Learning Outcome: Children will learn to recognize and identify the number 3 and participate in classroom fun

Content Standard: Social Studies

Organizer: Obtaining Information

Indicator: Gain Information through participation in experiences with objects, media, books and engaging in conversations with peers

Date: Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Circle Time: Intro to Color Green/ Intro into Fruit Food Group

Book: Fruit by Cynthia Klingel

Activity: Green worksheet/ Program Practice in Sanctuary/ Green Show n Tell

Learning Outcome: Children will learn the importance of Fruit in their diets and what foods are Fruits

Content Standard: Social Studies

Organizer: Participation

Indicator: Demonstrate cooperative behaviors, such as helping, turn taking, sharing, comforting and compromising

Date: Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Circle Time: Program Practice in Sanctuary/ Intro to Sequences

Book: Letters in the Library by Bonnie Farmer

Activity: Coloring, Cutting & gluing Santa Claus together in order of sequence

Learning Outcome: Children will learn how to put things in sequence that are out of order

Content Standard: Math

Organizer: Use Patterns, Relations and Functions

Indicator: Identify, copy, extend and create simple patterns or sequences of sounds, shapes and motions in the context of daily activities and play.

Date: Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

\*OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 11am & 2 pm