



Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia

Stepping Stones News

Stepping Stones Preschool Newsletter ~ December 2009

One of my favorite Christmas Traditions is watching the “Muppets Christmas Carol” with my daughter Ashlee, but we won’t be together till December 18th this year. Christmas starts then. Do you have a tradition with your children? It’s time to start one. Hallmark has the book “The Night Before Christmas” where I will be able to tape my voice reading the story and then I will send it to my grandchildren in Alaska.

Some of my favorite decorations are the many nativity sets that I have collected from all over. One of the sets is made of wood, comes from Native Americans and I always put it low enough for the children to play with it. There are some chips and colors missing, but it is one of my favorites because the children so enjoy playing with the pieces. One year the baby Jesus disappeared until after Christmas when He was found in a decorated sled. Lauren said He just wanted to go on a sled ride.

Take the time to read from your Bible the Christmas Story as a family. Enjoy the season even if it means giving up some extra activities to just be together for your children who will grow up so fast. Enjoy cocoa, sugar cookies and reading Christmas books. This is such a special time to enjoy your children.

Love came down at Christmas, so let’s share with others the true meaning of Christmas. Maybe this year Jesus will take another sled ride with one of our tiny children. May God grant each family a Blessed Christmas.

Miss Diane



Christmas Worship What God Wants for Christmas

Small boxes will be opened to tell the story of the Nativity and build the manger scene.

The last box is a surprise for all. Some of our children will also dress in costume to bring our Nativity to life.

Please come join us on December 2, 3 or 4 in the Sanctuary.

Theme:
“A Star is Born”

Color:
Silver & Gold

Shape:
Star

Letters:
J, S

Number:
5

Dec. 2-4
Christmas Worship
in Sanctuary

Dec. 9-11
Silver & Gold Days
Santa Visits

Dec. 14 & 15
Christmas Program
6:30 p.m.

Dec. 17
Last Day of
School

Dec. 18-Jan. 4
Christmas Break

Jan. 5
Back to Preschool!

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“A Star is Born”
Christmas Program December 14 & 15
6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary of Church

Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes Program is on the 14th. The Tuesday-Thursday classes is on the 15th. If you are not able to come on your scheduled night, you may come on the other night but you must let your teacher know. Immediately following the children’s performance, there will be refreshments served in the Social Hall. Families and friends are invited to join us for these celebrations. Should bad weather threaten the program, our policy is that if school is in session during the day of the program, we will also have the program as scheduled. Rehearsals for the Christmas Program will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, December 14 and Tuesday, December 15. Friday PS1 and PS2 children will rehearse Monday, December 14 at 10:15 for one hour, and parents are asked to stay with your children. Rehearsal will last approximately one hour, then Friday children will be dismissed. **AM & PM Preschoolers will rehearse together, and dismiss at 1:00 PM, unless you normally pick up your child at 11:30 AM. Tuesday-Thursday class that ends at 2:00 PM will instead dismiss at 1:00 PM.** Following is a schedule explaining which day your child needs to attend the rehearsal:

December 14 Rehearsal

M, W preschool classes
 M,W,F Yellow, Orange, Red
Program at 6:30 PM

December 15 Rehearsal

T,Th preschool classes
 T,Th Yellow, Orange, Red
Program at 6:30 PM

Please note: AM preschool classes will attend school as usual on rehearsal days. If your child is normally picked up at 11:30, then please pick up then. **PM preschool classes will attend school from 10:15 AM to 1:00 PM on rehearsal day.** These students need to bring a lunch to eat at school. All children are dismissed at 1:00 PM, even class that regularly ends at 2:00 PM on T, Th.

Please remember to bring 1 dozen cookies (can be homemade) or store bought for our reception.

Thank you...

to all of the families who donated to Lee’s Summit Social Services food pantry for our Thanksgiving Worship.

Giving this Season...

If you would like to bring an unwrapped, new toy during December 1 through 9, Stepping Stones will be donating these to Lee’s Summit Social Services for the holidays. You can place it under the tree in the lobby.

Winter Weather Policy

Before we get hit with any surprise snow or ice storms, here is a reminder of our policy here at Stepping Stones. We follow the Lee’s Summit R-7 school schedule. When the R-7 school district is closed because of weather—we are **CLOSED**. When the Lee’s Summit schools are on a delayed schedule—we are on a delay also.

Miss Anne —

“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go...” And that’s true in the Red Room during the short, busy month of December. We will be working hard on our gifts for our Moms and Dads, so we will have some days when no artwork will be coming home. Other projects will be an Advent chain to count the days ’til Christmas, handprint reindeer, and Magic Reindeer chow, so Santa will know when we’ve gone to bed on Christmas Eve! Books will include Room for a Little One, There Was No Snow on Christmas Eve, The Stars Came Out at Christmas, and The Christmas Kitten. We will enjoy decorating (and re-decorating!) our Christmas tree each day. We are doing a great job on our songs for our Christmas Program on Dec. 14 & 15. I’m looking forward to lots of fun this month as we celebrate Christmas. From my family to yours, we wish you all the merriest Christmas ever!

Miss Dawn —

Wow, the weather has turned cold and it is starting to look like Christmas! In the Yellow Room, we are going to help you start decorating your house with some fun and very memorable stuff! At school, we are going to start our Christmas out with a Christmas worship in the Sanctuary on Dec. 2, 3 and 4 at 9:15 a.m. The next week, we’ll have our Gold and Silver day along with Santa coming to visit on Dec. 9, 10, 11. Following that, we have our Christmas Program so be sure to mark your calendar for Dec. 14 or 15 at 6:30 p.m. The Yellow and Orange Rooms will be singing together “Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star.”

I hope you have a very blessed and wonderful Christmas. See you next year!

Miss Kim —

As we look to December, I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation! December is a short and very busy month for our Pandas. We begin our month with our Christmas worship. This is a very special worship in the sanctuary. We would love for you to stay and enjoy it with your children on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th right as school begins. We have our color days, SILVER AND GOLD, Dec. 9th-11th and Santa will visit us these days as well. We have already been very busy learning all our Christmas songs for our program on the 14th and 15th. Friday kiddos will come on Monday the 14th. Our last day of school is Dec. 17th. In the hustle and bustle of preparing for our program and Santa, we have some very special gifts to make, reindeer to feed, and trees to decorate. Some books we will read are Clifford’s Christmas Presents, The Magic of Christmas, A Child was Born, and The Sweet Smells of Christmas. As we talk about Christmas and December, please remember that we follow the Lee’s Summit R-7 school district cancellation policy for inclement weather.

I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and New Year, too! I hope you have a wonderful vacation and I can’t wait to see you again in January! Thank you for sharing your children with me! They are all a blessing and a joy to have!

Miss Lisa, Miss Lori & Miss Madeline —

Christmas time in the Pink and Purple rooms always make us smile. So much energy and excitement, we wish we could bottle it and save it for later in the year.

Our little Koala bears have been working very hard on learning their Christmas Program music. We are very proud of them and are looking forward to our programs on Dec. 14th and 15th.

Our time together in December will go by fast, but we have a lot of sweet projects to complete before our Christmas Break. We will also have a visit from The Elf on the Shelf, and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Lisa, Lori and Madeline wish you all a Blessed Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year....

Miss Dianne —

Merry Christmas! Wow, the year is just flying by. December will find us making surprises for the ones we love and creating traditional holiday art. We'll make glitter Christmas trees, fuzzy stockings, paper plate Santas and Rudolph with his red nose. We will also create star puppets for our "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" loving ritual. Here are a few of the books and games that we will share: The Brightest Star, Mary's Baby, Santa Duck, Merry Christmas Mouse, and a Christmas memory game. I hope everyone can join us for our Christmas Worship in the Sanctuary on Dec. 2nd and 3rd. Of course, the highlight of December is when we sing for you at our Christmas Program on Dec. 14-15. Look for details about our class schedule on those days *****(afternoon class). ***** I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a joy-filled/joyful Christmas. "Merry Christmas" from my family to yours!

Letters: week of Nov. 30th: "J"

Week of Dec. 7th: "S"

Miss Jaime —

The magical season is finally here! December will be full of fun and laughter as we turn the Blue Room into Santa's Workshop! A gift wrap shop and Hot Cocoa Café are always a fun addition to the holiday fun! We begin our month with the Christmas Worship on December 2nd and 3rd. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be here to visit us on Dec. 9th and 10th. Our Christmas program will be on Dec. 14th and 15th at 6:30 pm and our last day of school before the long break is Dec. 17. We will make a Christmas surprise for mom and dad, Rudolph and a Christmas Stocking! Some books we will enjoy this month are: The Magic of Christmas, I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bell, Santa's Noisy Night and Christmas in the Barn. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to 2010!

Miss Trish —

Happy Holidays to one and all! What a busy month this will be in the Rainbow Room! This is one of my favorite times of the year. It is wonderful to see Christmas through the eyes of a child! Our little elves will be busy making surprises to bring home, so they may not want to tell you everything they are doing at school. We will also be spending time singing and practicing for our Christmas Program. Our program is Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. We will be talking about the spirit of giving and sharing. The children will be able to practice these skills during our Center Time as a part of Santa's Workshop. We are going to have a special visitor at school on December 10. (Here's a hint: He flies and can go around the world in one night)! Christmas vacation begins on December 18. I sincerely hope that you all have a blessed holiday season! I truly enjoy each and every one of your children! Thank you for sharing your most precious gift with me! Merry Christmas!

Miss Jennifer —

Happy Holidays! We have a fast, fun few weeks at school in December. Please remember our Christmas worship on Dec. 2nd and 3rd and our Christmas Program on Dec. 14th & 15th. We will be making nativity sets, painting with pine branches and making snow; just to give you a glimpse of December. We will even be making a surprise...shhh. Santa will also be visiting us this month here at Stepping Stones. It's going to be a jingling month here in the Brown Room.

God Bless you and your family!