

# Christian Day Nursery School

## FOUR YEAR OLD'S

### December 2018



We will be celebrating the true meaning of Christmas by having a birthday party for Jesus on December 20th. We have already begun talking about Baby Jesus being the most important part of Christmas. Our classes will continue learning the alphabet and writing their names this month.

#### **Advent Puzzles**

Your child has already colored a puzzle. It was laminated, cut and attached to a backing page. This went home already. It is for the 24 days of Advent and Christmas day. Each piece has a number on the back that corresponds to a number on the backing page. Please take time each day to add the piece for the day.

#### **Weather Cancellations**

As the snow continues, please remember that CDNS follows the Norwalk City School cancellation notices. **If Norwalk City Schools are delayed 2 hours, this does not affect CDNS students.** Class will begin at your usual time when Norwalk City Schools are on a 2 hour delay. We also have ONE call. It is important that we have a working phone number for ONE call. Please keep us up to date on any changes.

#### **Coats and Boots**

Please label your child's coat. Also, if your child wears snow boots to school, please have them change into a different pair of shoes to wear into the classroom.

#### **Community Action Center**

We are asking for new unwrapped gifts of mittens and hats to be donated for the CAC. These should be child sized items. Please place your gift in the box outside the classroom by December 20. This will be our "Happy Birthday Jesus" gift. No gifts will be exchanged in the classroom, Thank you in advance for your donations.

#### **Toys for Tots**

Donations are being accepted here at the church. This is optional only for those that wish to give. The bin is upstairs in the Narthex.

#### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent teacher conference are scheduled for January 22 and February 19. This is the Tuesday after Martin Luther King Jr. Day and President's Day. There will be no regular school on those days. Sign up slips will come home early January.

#### **Mother Goose Day**

Mother Goose day will be January 31. If possible we would like you to stay for the first 45 minutes of class as we recite our favorite nursery rhymes in costumes. It may be helpful if you start thinking about a nursery rhyme your child would like to recite now. More information will come in January.

#### **No School**

December 28 through January 2 is our Christmas break. Classes resume January 3.

*Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Mrs. Bellamy and Mrs. Willer*

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## **The Night Before Christmas**

'Twas the night before Christmas  
And five little tots (hold up 5 fingers)  
Lay awake in their cozy cots (wiggle fingers)  
This one said "I hear him" (wiggle thumb)  
This one said "You do?" (wiggle finger)  
Tallest one said "Be quiet you two!" (wiggle middle finger)  
Said tired little brother "don't make so much noise!" (wiggle ring finger)  
Baby said "Santa only comes to sleeping girls and boys!" (wiggle pinkie)  
SO they all snuggled (make a fist)  
As good children do, 'til they hear mamma say  
Merry Christmas to You! Let's have a great day!  
(open hand and wiggle fingers)

## **Twinkle, Twinkle Special Star**

Twinkle, twinkle special star,  
Wise men spied you from afar.  
Bearing gifts they came to see, Jesus born for you  
and me.  
Christmas gifts are big and small  
But Jesus' love is best of all.

## **Christmas**

Christmas means more than candy canes and  
toys,  
Christmas means more than laughter and noise.  
Christmas means Jesus asleep on the hay,  
Where Mary placed him that first Christmas day!

## **Little Pine Tree (Clementine)**

Little pine tree, little pine tree,  
You have branches green and wide.  
Little pine tree, little pine tree,  
Gently sway from side to side.  
Little pine tree, little pine tree,  
In the winter woods you grow.  
Little pine tree, little pine tree,  
Stand so bravely in the snow.  
Little pine tree, little pine tree,  
You have snowflakes in your hair.  
Little pine tree, little pine tree,  
Welcome birds to shelter there.

## **Away in a manger**

Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Jesus asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love the Lord Jesus look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

## **Shining for Jesus**

A Christmas candle, tall and bright,  
Can shine for Him with all its might.  
A little star up in the sky,  
Can shine for Jesus and so can I!

## **FYI**

### **Temple Talk**

Hope everyone had a very heartfelt Thanksgiving! I would like to THANK all who donated food for our "Tower of Hunger". We collected over 130 cans!! These will gradually go out to the Blessing Box.

December we will hear the story about *John the Baptist, Mary Visits Elizabeth and Happy Birthday Party for Jesus*". Our song this month is "*Mary Road a Donkey*." Our Bible verse this month is from Luke 2:7 "*Then she placed him in a manger. There was no room for them in the inn.*"

Merry Christmas !

Krista Wagner



### **Christian Day Nursery School**

We will celebrate Jesus' birthday by having a birthday party for Jesus. The class parties are planned with stories, songs, Temple Talks, treats, and maybe a visit from Mary the mother of Jesus. As is the custom at birthday parties, the children are asked to bring a present to "give" in honor of Jesus' birthday. The gift should be either children's new hats, mittens or scarves. These items will be donated to the Community Action Center (CAC) for their Christmas distribution. Place unwrapped donations in the birthday paper wrapped boxes in the hallways outside the classrooms December 19&20.

Christmas is the time for giving and this is a hard concept for young children to understand. We have three opportunities for your child to give a gift. First the preschooler will be making handmade decorations to be given to the CAC Homeless Shelters' Christmas Trees. The second is the gifts for Jesus (hats, mittens and scarves). Finally, we are collecting for Toys for Tots again this year. Unwrapped new toys can be placed in the boxes outside the CDNS office before December 7. Each year the CDNS teachers take on the task of teaching the preschoolers to "give" using the greatest example of all, God's gift to us of his son, Jesus. These projects assist the teachers in teaching the true meaning of the season.

Christmas Vacation...

December 21, 2018 To January 2, 2019

Classes resume...

January 3, 2019

Michelle Schaffer CDNS Director

**Don't forget...** save Schild's IGA receipts and Box Tops for Education. Place the Labels & Receipts in the labeled box on the narthex coat rack. Thank you for supporting the school.

**Label!!!** With cold weather upon us and your child is wearing more outerwear Label everything (coat, mittens and scarves) so they return home with what they came to school with.

***Thank you to all in completing your forms and returning them promptly to keep us compliant with the state.***

***Happy Holidays to All!!***

### **Large Motor and Music**

The month of December we will continue to work on our basic motor skills as we play some reindeer games. We have played the scales on the "Boom Wackers" and are now trying to play the song "Jingle Bells". Listening and hearing are very important, so "Mr. Ear" will be visiting us so we can understand how we hear.

Becky Parcher

### **St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Merry Advent!

Wait, you say, don't you mean "Merry Christmas?" Nope. Merry Advent. Perhaps you have heard of Advent calendars and know that they are a countdown to Christmas. But Advent is a season of the church year for many Christians, including Lutherans. Advent is Latin for "coming to." Advent begins four Sundays before December 24. It is a time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ.

Advent is a time to slow down, take some deep breaths, and prayerfully prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. With the rest of world already in Christmas mode, even church folk have difficulty doing this. Yet there is great value in forcing oneself to slow down, to wait with expectation, and to meditate on the miracle of the birth of the Son of God. In this Advent season, consider how you might practice waiting upon the coming of the Lord. There are many free Advent resources on line both for adults and children.

If you do not have worship plans for Christmas Eve, you are welcome to celebrate Christ's birth with us St. Peter. A family-friendly service will take place at 4 p.m. on December 24, and traditional Christmas Eve worship will be offered at 7 & 11 p.m. All services will feature Holy Communion, beloved carols, and candlelight.

May God bless your family this Advent and Christmas season.

Pastor Ann