

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL 2016 JANUARY NEWSLETTER



January Dates:

1/4:
School Resumes

1/11 & 1/12:
Chancy & Bruce
Testing

1/18: **CLOSED**
in honor of Dr.
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

1/25:
Priority
Enrollment for the
2016/2017 School
Year!

Teachable Spirit in Christ

Happy New Years Our Savior's Lutheran Preschool! We are so excited to be back in school and back in the grove of our day to day adventures! We hope and pray you each had a holiday filled with love and joy with those around you!

As the New Year begins, we are reminded of the blessings of a teachable spirit. A New Year means a new start, a new beginning, and a new spirit to fill us with the contagious joy of Christ! The bible teaches us that when we live our lives as Christ teaches us, we are able to transform our hearts and

our focus on what Christ is yearning for in our day to day lives. Through the good and the bad, Christ is with us holding our hand so that we may be lead to be teachers in our children's lives, our families lives, and our neighbors lives.

May this New Year bring many teachable moments for you to grow and cherish in all of your blessings that Christ has given you. Each detail never goes unnoticed and you are loved and adored!

Thank you all for your love and kindness this year thus far, we are looking forward to spending it with you here on out!

Take care and blessings to you,

Katherine L. Yeakel

OSLS Preschool Director



Verse of the Month:

Love is not arrogant

2 Kings 5:5-19

Service project of the
Month:

New year, new friends!

Chapel Offerings for the
month will be going to:

*The Boys and Girls Club of
America*

A Note from your Teachers:

Mrs. Hardison: We begin the New Year exploring winter! We will be discovering snow and snowmen as well as polar animals and how various animals adapt in the winter. Then we will be moving on to gingerbread men! We will be focusing on story details by comparing and contrasting different versions of the story of the Gingerbread Man, along with journaling about the story. We will be strengthening our math skills with sorting, counting, and patterning gingerbread men, and we will be honing our STEM skills with activities such as building gingerbread houses! What a busy and yummy month!

Mrs. Waugh: Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a healthy and blessed holiday season. In January, we will be moving full speed ahead, starting with learning number recognition from 1-20, as well as learning to write the numbers. We will also be focusing on the concept of upper/lower case letters and supporting the children in using the appropriate letters when writing their names. We will be doing many activities to enhance their fine motor skills, which will help them to feel more confident holding writing materials and cutting with scissors. I will be having a children's sign in book in the classroom, so that each day when they enter they will be signing their names before sitting down to circle time. This is also a good time to start introducing at home the learning of writing their last name (for the kiddies who already know how to write their first names). We will then follow through and encourage them at school to do the same. The letter of the week share activity will continue, with N, O, P, and Q being the letters in January. The children always love learning about animals, so we learn about the habits and life-cycles of hibernating animals, and the winter weather. Finally, I will be introducing the concept of rhythm to the children, using various musical instruments and special songs to help build this skill.

Mrs. Micallef: Pre-K January Theme: Sunshine and Snowflakes

This month we will explore the four seasons. We will learn about the differences between the seasons, what the weather and the environment is like at the different times of the year, and how people and animals adapt to the different seasons. The students will also learn that different places in the world experience seasons differently; some places do not get any snow in the winter, and some places get hotter than others in the summer. Additionally we will learn that the seasons in the Southern Hemisphere (or southern half of the world) are different from here; they have winter when we have summer. You are encouraged to talk to your child about the types of weather s/he has experienced; we will have ample opportunities to read books about the subject, discuss, and journal our learning.

Mrs. Wohlfarth: Hello! During the month of January we will dive into winter! Will will be creating winter art, making shaving cream snowmen, and doing a little winter cleaning in our garden. I hope you have enjoyed tasting some fresh lettuce from our school garden. Once we have cleaned out the garden we will need to plant new seeds. Feel free to have your child bring in plants or seeds they would like to donate to our garden!

I'm so happy to say that I had at least one parent volunteer on the playground everyday in he month of December. You guys are amazing! Let's keep home and school connection going in the month of January. I will have a sign up sheet out this week. Thanks!