



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL 2017 JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## January Dates:

1/9:

School Resumes

1/16: **CLOSED**

in honor of Dr.  
Martin Luther King  
Jr. Day

1/18 & 1/19 Kinder  
Readiness Chancy  
& Bruce Testing

1/20

Priority Enrollment  
for the 2017/2018  
School Year via  
parent portal !

## The power of potential

Welcome to 2017 Our Savior's Lutheran Preschool! We can't wait to be back in school and back in the groove of our day to day adventures! We hope and pray you each had a holiday filled with love and joy with those around you!

Talking about the New Year always brings that time of encouragement-reboot-let's go get em- kind of attitude. It sometimes feels like we are required to declare where we want to focus and where/what we want to change in the year ahead. If I had one prayer to each of you at Our Savior's Lutheran School this New Year it would be to look at your commitments. Not the organizing your sock drawers or learning underwater basket weaving (it's a thing!), but the commitments that require attention to detail that will last a lifetime if done starting in the younger year's of child's development.

My New Year's prayer for you is to look at your children and see the amazing potential they have in being the best generation yet.

This takes commitment-and not just from you! This takes commitment from your children. Discover ways for your child to grow into a role in society where our neighbors love and our friends care in every angle of our world. I read a quote the other day by Marianne Williamson that I can't seem to forget, "There is no single effort more radical in its potential for saving the world than a transformation of the way we raise our children".

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

Fruit of the Spirit for  
January is:

*Kindness*

Galatians 5:22-23 <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Service project of the  
Month:

*500 Kits-Baby Shower  
Health Care Kits*

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 and gingerbread men! Our focus will be on story details as we compare and contrast different versions of the Gingerbread Man story, and we will create our own gingerbread man 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. Yeakel:** Welcome back Room 8 families! I hope and pray you all had a fantastic break-I am excited to get back to work with you all! January will be a fun filled month as we discover the cold months of Winter, the science of Ice, our sight words UP and YOU, and focus on our numbers 1-20! This time of year brings lots of exploring with science and critical thinking-encourage your child to tell you about their day and their favorite center they experienced-not only will you get an idea of their day but you will be reinforcing our lessons at home! May the New Year bring you all great joy Room 8-I am so blessed to continue the year with you and your child as we inspire a love of learning every day!

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

This month we will explore to 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.

