

## December Newsletter



I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday! This year has gone by so fast. It seems we just began the year even though we have already had so much fun with your children. They are changing and growing each day. Thank you for volunteering here at MBP! We are so blessed to have such wonderful families here.

At MBP, we try our best to share the real meaning of each holiday with the children. Christmas at MBP is a celebration of Christ's birth. An attitude of love and giving is emphasized through chapel, music, and the activities with the children. Our goal is to help your child know that the best way to show love to Jesus Christ is to share his love with others.

### Warmth Tree Celebration

One of the big events here at MBP is our Warmth Tree Celebration. We help the Salvation Army fill stockings for children. We ask that you please help your child select and purchase gifts to fill these stockings. Please make this a "teachable activity" with your child. Explain to them that they are showing love for Jesus by sharing their love with other children.

Your child will place the filled stockings under the Advent Tree in the sanctuary at a special Chapel time on Wednesday, December 7th. You are welcome to join us. It will begin around 10am.

### One's

We will be introducing the Christmas sights and smells with things like stars, trees, bells, gingerbread, and the nativity. With Mrs. Alderman coming to do music, we are also learning some Christmas songs to go with the Christmas story; it is a lot of fun this time of year. We also get to attend chapel on Wednesday, December 7th to put our Salvation Army stockings under the tree.

- Ms Deborah



## Two's

The two-year-olds will learn about "The Real Reason for Christmas", Jesus' birth! Will talk about family traditions....Christmas tree, the joy of giving to someone who doesn't have as much as we have, the "smells of Christmas" and reindeer.

- Ms Jackie & Ms Sue

## Three's

In December, we will continue to work on pre-reading, letter formation, and math skills. Our class will talk about the Nativity story. We will also spend time reading the Gingerbread Man. The class Christmas party will be the last week before break.

- Ms Brianna

We will be spending our class days in December learning about the true meaning of Christmas. We will participate in the Warmth Tree celebration, giving of our time and treasure for those less fortunate than ourselves. We will make a fun craft for someone special in our lives and talk about sharing and how good it can feel to give a present. We will continue learning "letters of the week" as well.

- Ms Cristin and Ms. Deanna

## Four's

Each morning we start our day by working on "Learning Trays". We are in small groups of three students and one group of four. As we continue our daily circle time, we will introduce letters and numbers. During December, we will be making special gifts and crafts. But most important, we will learn and discuss the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ.

- Ms Terrie

## Music and Movement

Music and Chapel for the rest of 2016 will focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Songs include There Was a Little Baby, Away in a Manger, P-E-A-C-E, Twinkle Twinkle Said the Star, Bells are Ringing, Mary's Donkey, and On a Camel We Will Ride. We will sing these songs together in Chapel on 12/7 when we give our stockings for the Salvation Army. After that Chapel, we will sing a few Santa and Rudolf songs in music, and learn about the Christmas tree in the church sanctuary.

Blessings to all for a peaceful season no matter how you worship or celebrate.



## Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be on December 5th at 9:30am in room 207. We will be discussing the Christmas Brunch for the teachers. Please join us if you can!



**Have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the break!**

