

January Newsletter

From the Director

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a great holiday. Can you believe it is time to think about the summer and the next school year? I want to take this opportunity to thank the parents who have been involved in the Parent Council and all our parents that come in to volunteer. Thank you to all the parents who contributed their time, decorations, talent, food, or beverages for our staff brunch. It was delicious. Thanks to all who have helped with the many tasks to ensure the Preschool runs smoothly. Millbrook Baptist Preschool parents have been more than generous with your time, presence and monetary gifts this past year. Thank you! I really cannot say it enough.

The “Gift of Time”

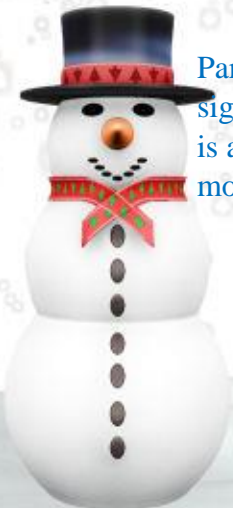
The “Gift of Time” was a huge success. It took many volunteers along with some preschool staff to make it happen, but what a joy! It was wonderful to see children engaged in activities having to do with the real meaning of Christmas. It was a fun way to spread God’s word. Thank you for your help!

Open House

We will have an Open House on January 31st from 10-12. We will also host a free Music and Movement class on that same day to children not enrolled. Our music program is based on the Orff-Schulwerk philosophy and incorporates student improvisation as well as teacher-led activities. Our music teacher, Sheila Alderman, works closely with the Preschool teachers to ensure the classes are developmentally appropriate and support the classroom curriculum.

Parent/Teacher conferences

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on January 16th and 17th. Your teacher will have a sign-up sheet posted so that you may sign up for a conference with your child’s teacher. This is a good time to find out how your child is doing in our setting and set up goals for the months ahead. It is also a time to talk about the next school year.



Preschool Registration for 2017/2018 school year

Millbrook Baptist Preschool will open up registration for the 2017/2018 school year starting January 23rd to 27th. Registration information for next year will be in your child's bag on Thursday, January 19th and Friday, January 20th. We open up registration in February to the community! Please spread the word!

Inclement weather Policy

- Preschool will be closed for inclement weather if Wake County Schools are closed.
- If Wake County Schools open late, we will open at 10:15 am.
- If Wake County closes early, we will close at 12:15 with no lunch bunch.
- If Wake County decides to close early and we have already started school, we will call parents to come and pick up children.
- If we miss four days or fewer because of inclement weather, we will not make up the lost days.
- If we miss five days or more, we will make up as many days as are possible considering church, school, and preschool calendars.
- The makeup schedule will be announced after the possibility of snow/ice has passed.

Music and Movement

In January, we will learn more about proper instrument techniques and how to move in locomotor and non-locomotor ways. We will focus on shapes and following directions in musical recordings. We will learn simple math skills while learning about penguins and play a fun freeze game. We may even have a snowball fight of sorts with artificial snowballs. We will play a fun drumming game including Orff instruments and act out a favorite book, The Happy Hedgehog Band.

Many thanks to those of you who gave us Christmas gifts. It was so sweet of all of you to remember us! Here's hoping for a Happy 2017!

Older Ones/Younger Twos

Ms. Deborah and Ms. Amy

This month we will be talking about snow, ice, polar bears, & penguins. We will also practice wearing hats and gloves when we go outside to play and hopefully keeping them on while on the playground.



Older Twos/Younger Threes

Ms Sue, Ms Sheila B, Ms Jackie, and Ms Keli

January will be a fun month. We will be talking about winter birds and snow. We will talk about the weather conditions when it snows and what snow is. Much attention will be given to our five senses, taste, touch, sound, sight, and smell. We will also learn about bears and their habitats.

Younger Threes/Older Fours

Ms Cristin, Ms Deanna, and Ms Minita

We are beginning our writing skills by learning the letters in our names. Our letter recognition will continue each week. There are fun activities planned while we review our shapes. Hoping to see snow this month, exciting art work will be displayed. We will end the month with a fun unit of teddy bears. Students will continue to work on fine motor activities to strengthen their hand muscles, in an effort to have students prepared to start writing when ready. We are excited about our upcoming units, and will continue to make the learning process fun and educational.

Ms Brianna, Ms Sabrina, and Ms Alderman

Happy New Year-January will be filled learning about mittens, snowflakes, and hibernation. Put your mittens on and get ready for a cold unit!

Older Fours/Younger Fives

Ms Terrie and Ms Kathy

We will kick January off with the study of Penguins and Polar Bears. We will learn about their habitats, patterns, and behaviors. We will also learn all about penguins and how they survive in the cold as we explore ice and participate in some awesome science experiments. We continue handwriting without tears as we review previous letters. As you can see, we have so much learning to do and so much fun to have!!

